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Sustainable Library 2030 road map (SDGs 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17)

During the spring of 2020, the Oulu City Library prepared an action plan for sustainable development, the Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap. The plan is based on the objectives of the UN Agenda 2030 and the eco-promises prepared by the City Library in 2015. When preparing the roadmap, it was also ensured that it was in line with the objectives of the City of Oulu’s environmental program, Towards a Carbon-Neutral Oulu 2026, which entered into force in autumn 2019.

The Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap recorded the most important areas for development in the near future (2020-22) and prepared a detailed implementation plan for them, as follows:

a) Promoting environmental awareness. The aim is to increase the environmental awareness of both customers and staff through the various means of environmental communication available. The aim is also to increase library’s visibility as an ecological actor by communicating externally about the library’s own responsible activities;

b) Reducing the environmental impact. The aim is to review the library’s energy use, logistics, recycling and collection practices and to reduce the environmental impact of their activities, as well as to reduce the use of unnecessary plastic;

c) Responsible construction. In order to reduce the ecological footprint of library properties, the aim is to take ecology into account in connection with renovations and new construction, in the entire construction process - from design to the building. The aim is to design and implement the most energy-efficient facilities possible and to pay attention to environmental friendliness in all solutions related to practical equipment and interior design. Responsibility in construction is also reflected in e.g. involving customers and staff in the planning of future facilities.¹

¹ https://www.ouka.fi/documents/78400/596635/Kest%C3%A4v%C3%A4+kirjasto+2030+-+tiekartantivistem%C3%A4.pdf/542f3a4b-737e-4147-b3ad-3865a96dd074
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Energy upgrading of the Geisser public library under PON METRO TORINO² (SDGs 7,10,11)

The main objective of this initiative is to reduce the energy consumption of municipal buildings, among others the Geisser library, in order to reduce the CO2 emissions through an energy upgrading of the building. Apart from energy upgrading the goal is also to improve the comfort of the final users and to promote as much as possible the acquisition of innovative solutions.

At the end of the intervention:

- energy saving will be in the order of 20% less than current thermal and electrical consumption);
- innovative solutions will be implemented to adapt to different situations and conditions of use of the library.

Smart-In - Community Library³ (SDGs 4,5,7,10,11)

Through the regional Smart-In strategy, the Apulia Region promotes the revival of Apulia’s cultural heritage, enhancing it and improving its use. With this in mind, the Community Library issued a public bid aimed at supporting libraries of local authorities, schools and universities, projecting a positive impact on the community and expanding access to cultural resources available in Puglia. Projects for the qualification of libraries include the provision of suitable spaces and the acquisition of advanced equipment and technologies, with sustainable and innovative management models.

² http://www.comune.torino.it/ponmetro/pon-metro-torinopresentazione
³ https://por.regione.puglia.it/-/smart-in-community-library