



EBLIDA Press Release

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EBLIDA and National Library of Latvia publish the EBLIDA 2nd European Report on Sustainable Development and Libraries (Full version)

We are very pleased to inform you that [EBLIDA](#), in collaboration with the [National Library of Latvia](#), has just published the *“2nd European Report on Sustainable Development and Libraries”*, including a *Synthesis* of the results of a questionnaire sent out in Autumn 2021 and a series of seventeen country profiles. Each of these profiles includes a general background, SDG national priorities and policies, a selection of SDG-oriented projects and some hints about funding sources and evaluation.

EBLIDA does not wish to limit its work to storytelling alone; the Report explores best practices, simulations, and practical know-how. Country profiles are a model for EBLIDA members not included in this report and for any library willing to pursue sustainable development goals in libraries.

“The Synthesis shows very clearly how libraries perceive SDGs and how libraries are perceived in the society. Each country profile is a sort of Library Manifesto on sustainable development at national or local level”, maintains **Ton van Vlimmeren**, President EBLIDA.

The 2nd report is another step undertaken by EBLIDA in its European, project-oriented and fundraising approach. *“All library organisations are now setting SDGs as a priority in their current work plans and we are extremely happy to support the EBLIDA approach, which is valid both for small and big libraries, whether they are public, university, school or national”*, adds **Katrina Kukaine**, Director, Development Department, National Library of Latvia.

Since 2019, EBLIDA has taken a practical approach to implementing SDGs in libraries, with the creation of tools such as the [EBLIDA Matrix](#) and the [SDG-KIC](#). These illustrate how libraries should approach SDGs in a European context. *“We record stories having received the [Sello](#) award in Spain, libraries included in Bulgarian and German cultural routes, waste disposal activities in Danish libraries and other small, but popular projects which have received funding from local, national or European institutions.”*, adds **Giuseppe Vitiello**, EBLIDA Director.

The EBLIDA *“2nd European Report on Sustainable Development and Libraries”* is a companion report to the [“European Structural and Investment Funds \(ESIF\) 2021-2027: a Guide for library applicants”](#) and [The European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027](#) report.