



Sustainable Development and Libraries

The EBLIDA strategy towards
the Agenda 2030 on sustainable development
and the EBLIDA 2° European Report on
SDGs and Libraries

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120+ members
34 countries



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EBLIDA Strategic priorities: Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





EBLIDA's approach to SDGs

European, as Europe's interpretation of SDGs is different from that of the rest of the world;

Project-oriented, as we wish to go beyond storytelling and to deal with best practices and policies - new ways of libraries' governance, renewed operations;

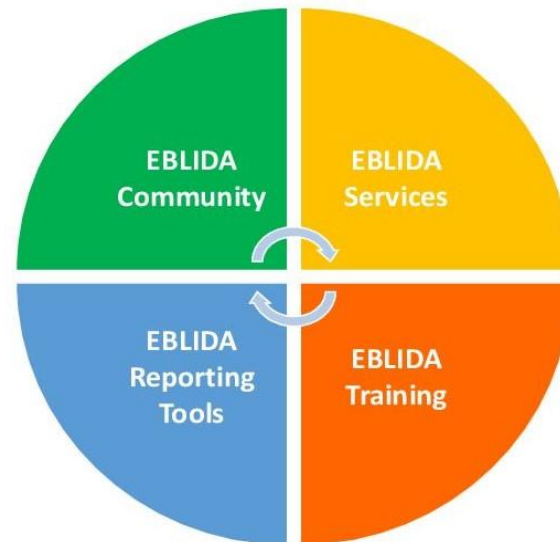
Based on targets and indicators in order to access local, national and/or European funds



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



EBLIDA SDG European House





2nd European report on sustainable development and libraries

As the 1st report, launched in 2020, the 2nd report has been produced by the EBLIDA community

We have consulted library associations and institutions members of EBLIDA in 17 countries

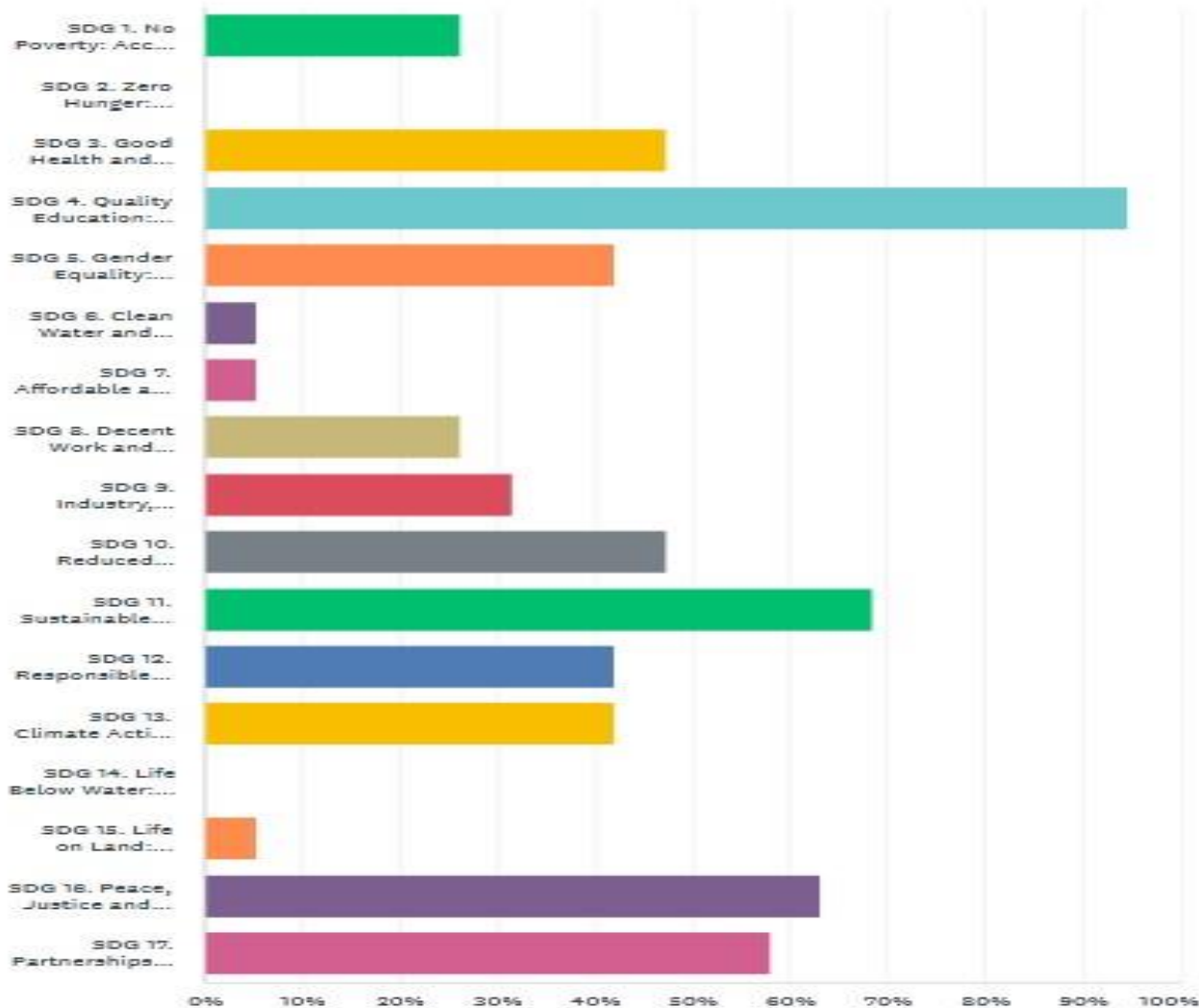
Are SDGs exclusively a “Quality Education” business?



The European Agenda on sustainable development

If you answered YES to question No. 3, which goals are central to the SDG-oriented library policy of your country? (please tick all relevant goals)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0





2nd European report on sustainable development and libraries

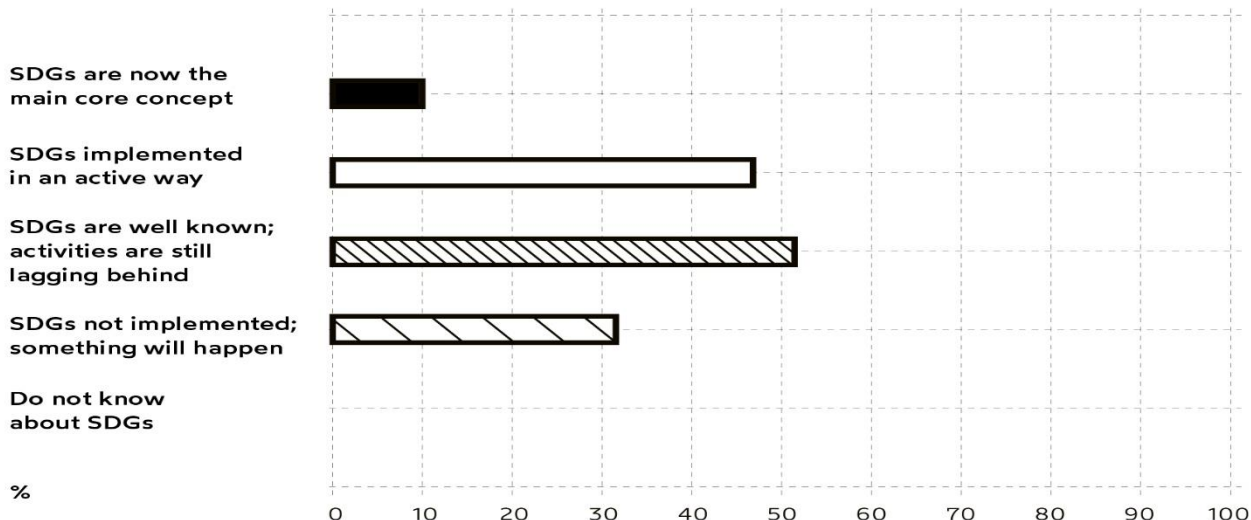
All that glitters is not gold...

Is the Agenda 2030 the new current framework for library operations?



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With which of the following statements would you agree?



Answered: 19

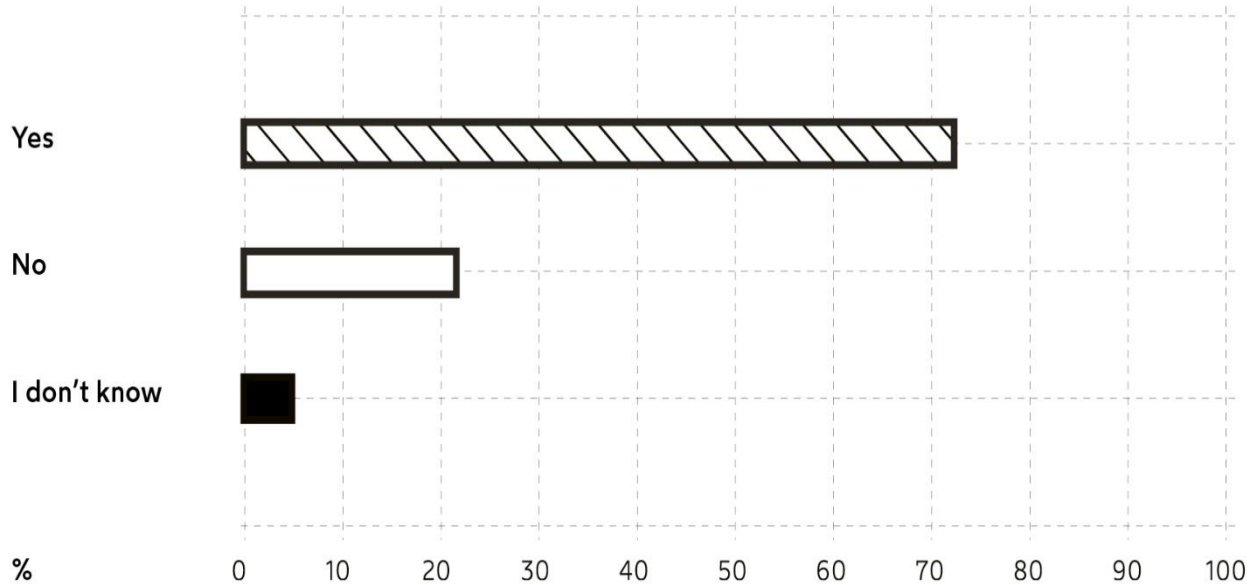
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Answer choices	Responses
In my country library operations have been, or are being adapted to the Agenda 2030 on sustainable development: sustainable development is now the core library concept	10,53% 2
SDGs are being implemented in the libraries of my country in a convincing and active way	47,37% 9
SDGs are well known by librarians at national level; nevertheless, activities are still lagging behind	52,63% 10
In my country SDGs were not implemented at all in libraries; however, the European Commission and national governments have put SDGs at the core of their concerns and something will also happen in libraries	31,58% 6
Do not know about SDGs	0,00% 0
Other (please specify)	6



Libraries must act - SDGs in action

Is there an informal or official group, or more groups, in charge of promoting / coordinating libraries in the attainment of sustainable development goals in your country?



Answered: 19

Skipped: 0

Answer choices

Responses

Yes

73,68% 14

No

21,05% 4

I don't know

5,26% 1

If yes, what is/are its/their name(s)? — Please add contact person & email:

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EBLIDA's approach to SDGs

Project-oriented

In the 2nd Report no less than sixty projects – they may be a source of inspiration

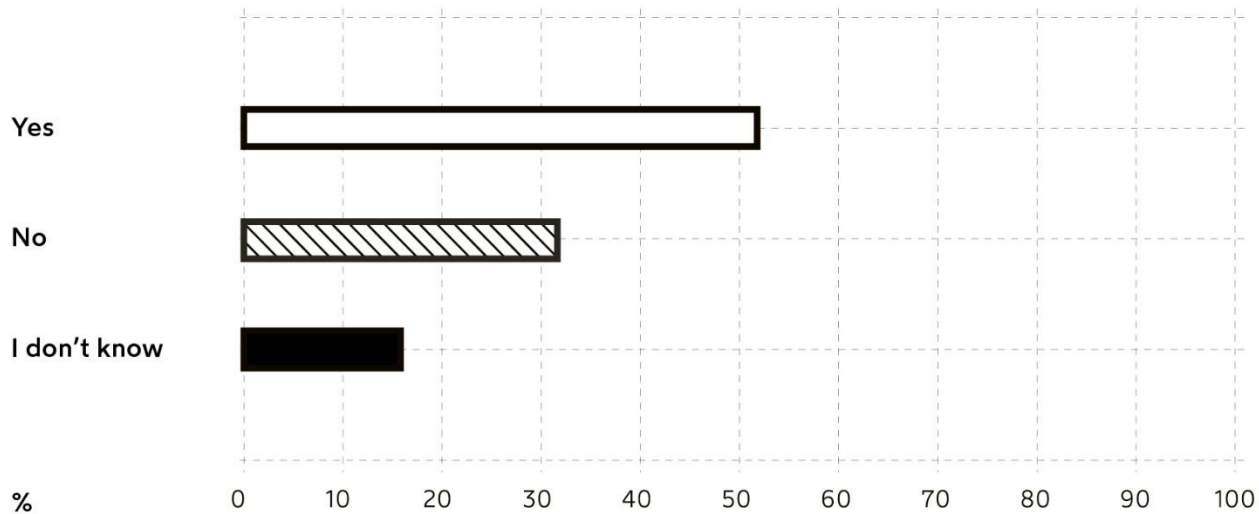
Fundraising: what is the 2nd Report telling us?

Which Department within national / local agencies is funding SDG-oriented projects?



How to fund SDG-oriented library projects?

In general, financial support for SDG-oriented library projects is part of the ordinary library budget or is generated from additional library funding?



Answered: 19

Skipped: 0

Answer choices

Responses

Ordinary library budget

52,63% 10

Additional funding

31,58% 6

I don't know

15,79% 3

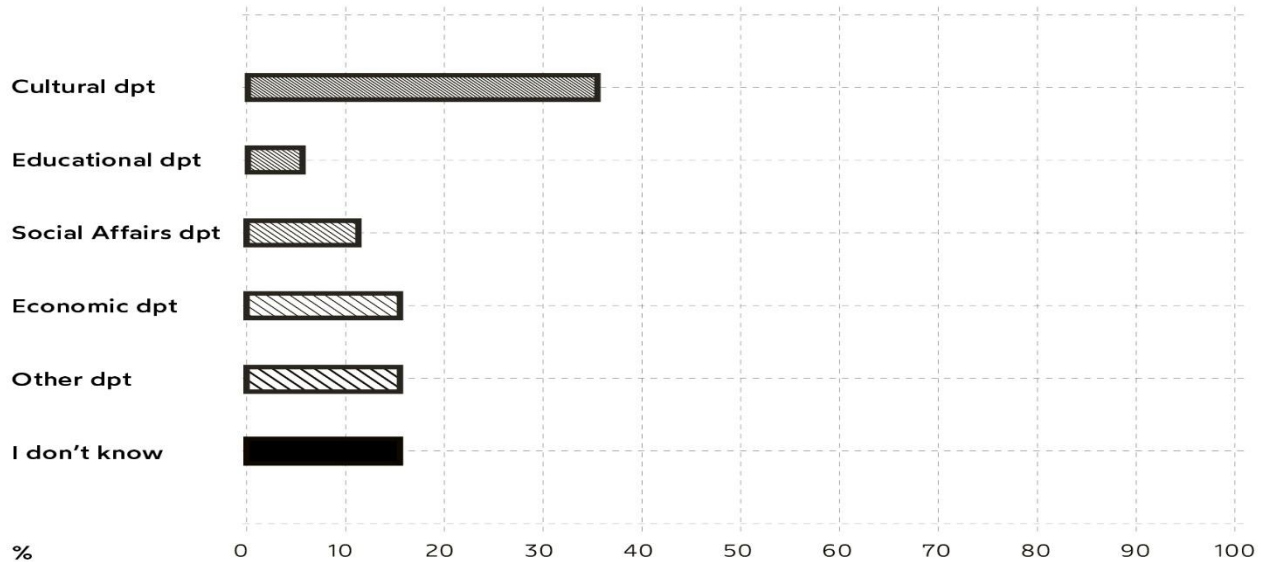
Comments

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SDG framework: a window of opportunities

If additional funding for SDG-oriented projects is provided by international, governmental or local agencies, which department would allocate them:



Answered: 19

Skipped: 0

Answer choices	Responses
Cultural department	36,84% 7
Educational department	5,26% 1
Social Affairs department	10,53% 2
Economic department	15,79% 3
Other departments	15,79% 3
I don't know	15,79% 3
Other (please specify)	5



How can EBLIDA help you

Tools: [EBLIDA Matrix](#), [SDG-KIC](#)

Services: [Second European Report on SDGs and Libraries](#)

Training and consultancy: [“European Structural and Investment Funds \(ESIF\) 2021-2027: a Guide for library applicants”](#)



EBLIDA for a sustainable society

European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027:

- the R&D requirement in ESIF projects is not essential; all libraries benefit;
- programmes are administered at national level; no construction of complex networks at European level;
- public libraries are strongly connected with local communities;
- ESIF normally accounts for one third of the whole EU budget.

[*The European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027:
Funding Opportunities for Libraries*](#)

**15-16 June 2022, EBLIDA Conference
(Athens, Goethe-Institut)**



EBLIDA for a sustainable society

EBLIDA's dream:

A post-Covid European library agenda meeting sustainable development goals to be funded through European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027

Think The Unthinkable



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Thank you for your attention

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