

Hellenic Economic Library Network (H.E.L.I.N.): The Dynamics of Multi-organizational Partnerships and Lessons Learned

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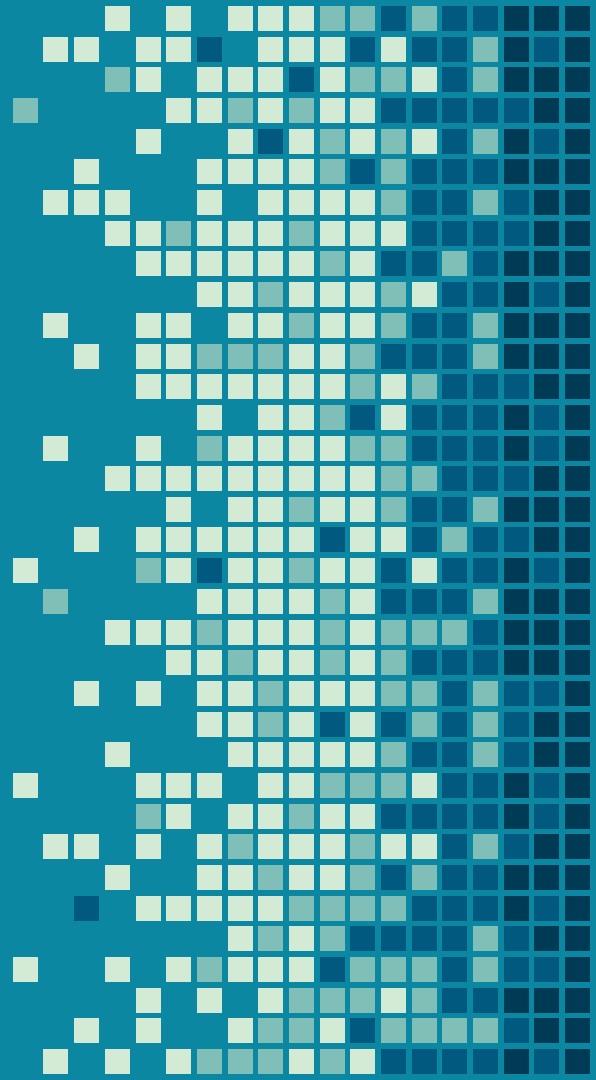


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*Hellenic Economic Library
Network (H.E.L.I.N.)*

HISTORY



Hellenic Economic Library Network (H.E.L.I.N.)

ΔΙ.Ο.ΒΙ. (in Greek)

10 Libraries

collections, resources
and information services
related to economic studies

<http://diovi.lib.unipi.gr>

Universities

- Athens University of Economics and Business
- Harokopio University
- University of Piraeus

Banks

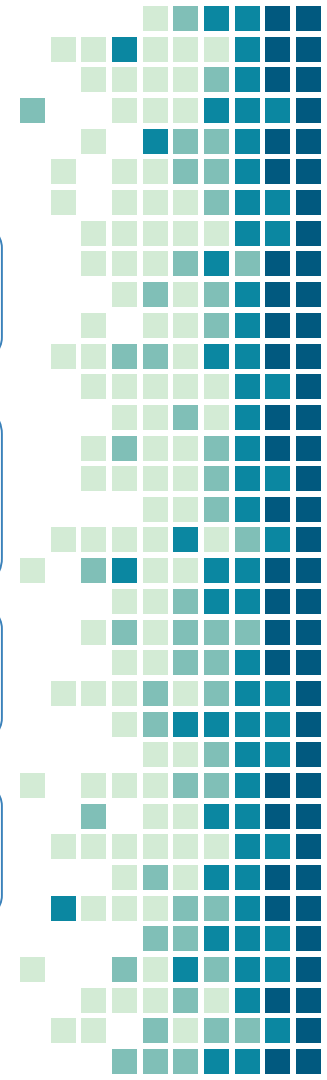
- Alpha Bank
- Bank of Greece
- National Bank of Greece
- Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation

Research
center

- Centre of Planning and Economic Research

Government

- Hellenic Ministry of Economy and Development
- Hellenic Statistical Authority



H.E.L.I.N. Establishment

2012

Creation of a network to promote collaboration between libraries in the field of economics

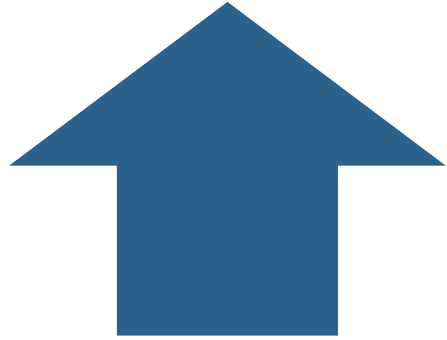
Reduced budgets /staff

Providing high-quality services

Economic /social difficulties



The H.E.L.I.N. Mission and Objectives



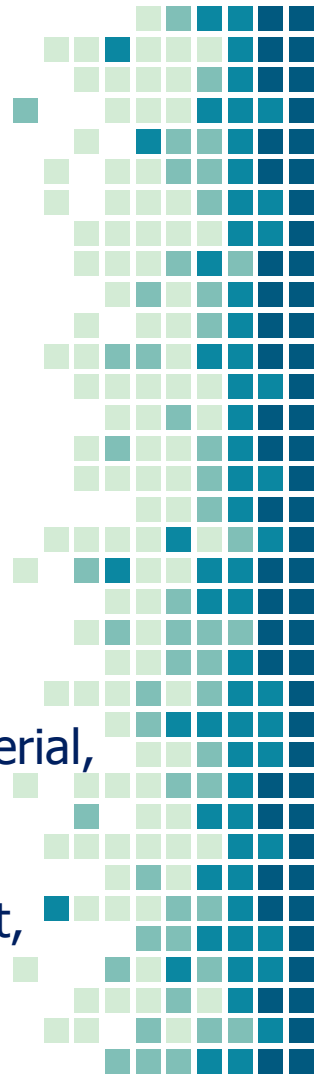
Mission

- Promote cooperation among the member libraries in order to exchange services & resources.
- Provide higher quality & more effective services to their user communities.



Objectives

- Value-added information services,
- Interlibrary loan of printed/electronic material,
- A possible joint purchase of electronic resources,
- Common policy for collection development,
- New members.



The H.E.L.I.N. Members' Meetings

Organizational structure

- horizontal administrative scheme
- absence of financial contribution
- participation on the basis of mutual benefit
- potential right of withdrawal
- voluntary participation of staffs' members in meetings, events, etc.



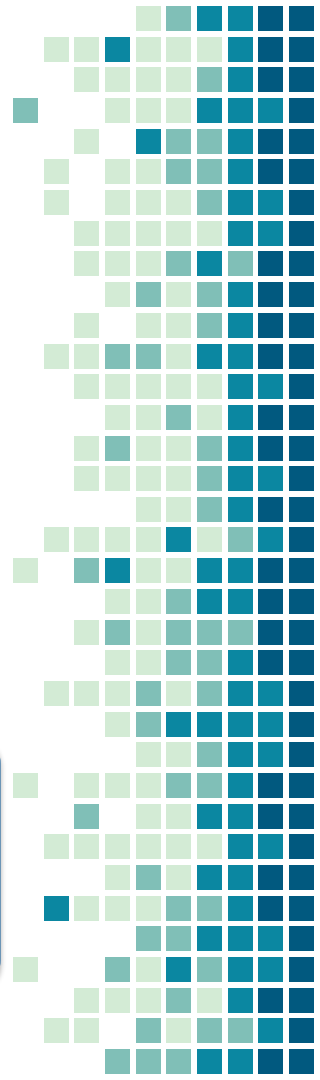
Members' Meetings

- monthly meetings (on a rotation basis)
- host member library is responsible for keeping the meeting's minutes
- decisions are taken after discussion and agreement of all members



Challenges

- diverse administrative structures of members
- unequal budgets
- variety of collections
- fluctuations in the number of staff
- differences in operating regulations



The H.E.L.I.N. Actions

2012

- Initiation
- Logo
- Printed Newsletter
- Website (Greek/English)
- Facebook/Twitter

2015

- 1st H.E.L.I.N. One-day Scientific Conference, **“The Contribution of Economic Libraries in Research and Development”** March 6, 2015, Bank of Greece (11 Lectures, 17 Speakers, 207 Participants)

2016

- **1st Circle of Lectures on Economics for Libraries** (13 Lectures, 12 Speakers, 333 Participants)

2017

- **2nd Circle of Lectures on Economics for Libraries** (3 Lectures, 5 Speakers, 104 Participants)
- **Educational Visits to Libraries-H.E.L.I.N. Members** (7 Visits, 157 Participants)

2018

- **Educational Visits to Libraries-H.E.L.I.N. Members**
- **Book Presentations on Economics**
- 2nd H.E.L.I.N. One-day Scientific Conference, **“Economic Libraries: Reservoirs of Information and Training”** June 6, 2018, Harokopio University (10 Lectures, 13 Speakers)

53 Members’ meetings, 2 Printed Newsletters, 1 Conference Proceeding (printed/online), 2 Conference Presentations, etc.

H.E.L.I.N. Lectures topics

2016

**Speakers: Academic professors,
researchers**

1st: Euro Area Single Monetary Policy

2nd: Macroeconomics

3rd: International Environment

**4th: Money, Trust, Financial Markets and
Banks**

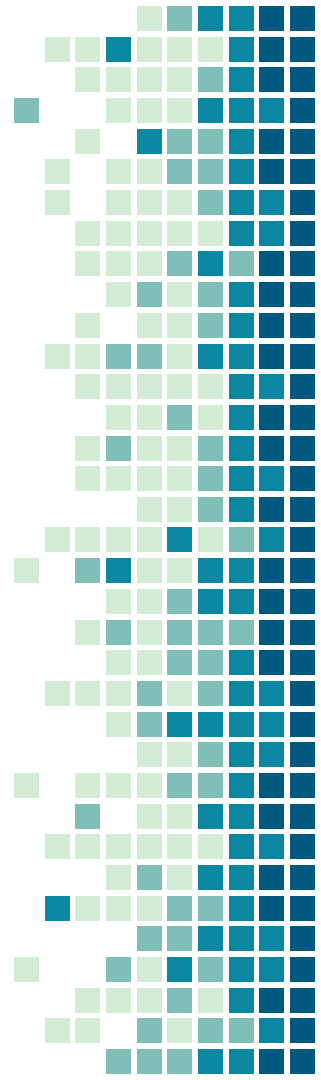
5th: Public Finances

2017

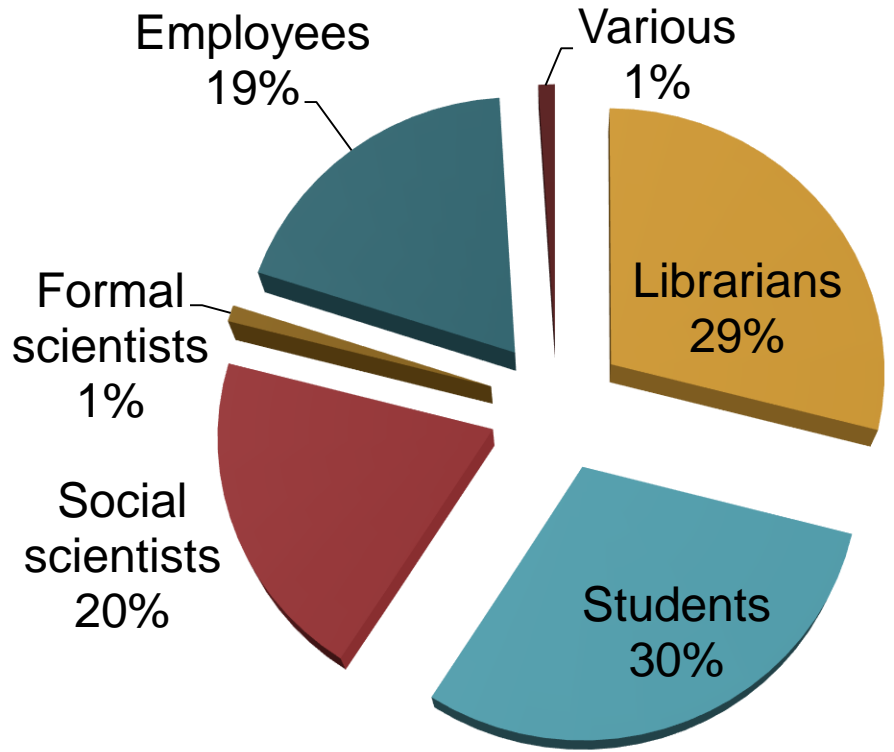
**Speakers: Bank & Institution
executives, librarians**

**1st: Banks, Corporate Responsibility
and Libraries**

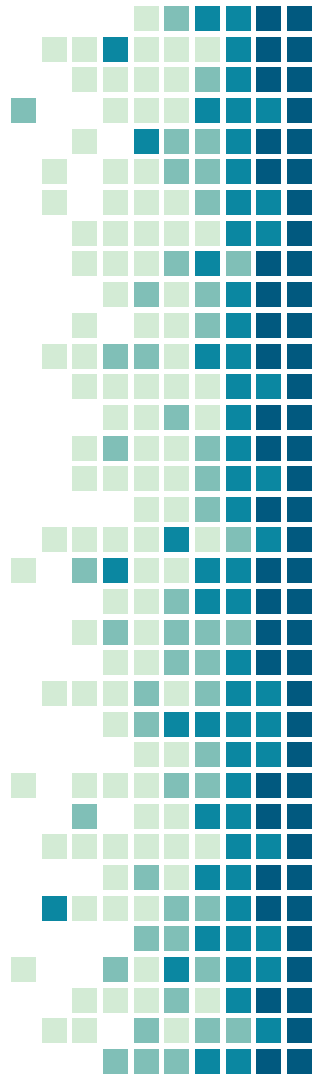
**2nd: Educational Libraries, the Role of
the Librarians (Financial Literacy)**



H.E.L.I.N. Lectures participants (2016)



(Vardakosta, 2017)

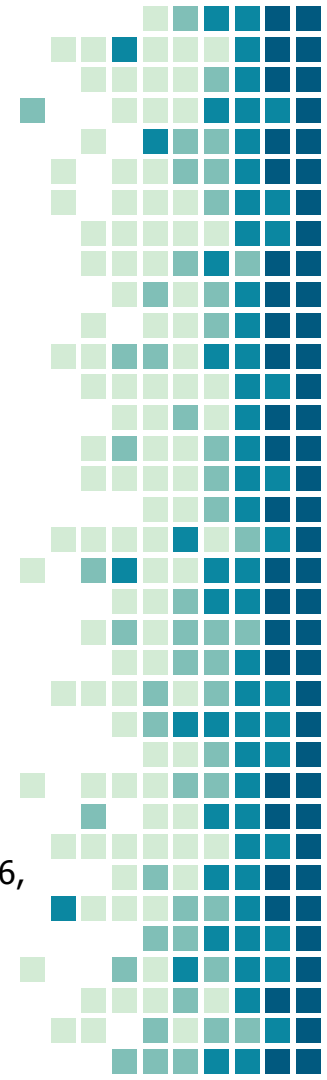




1st H.E.L.I.N. One-day Scientific Conference,
March 6, 2015, Bank of Greece



1st Circle of Lectures on Economics for Libraries 2016,
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23rd Panhellenic Academic Libraries Conference,
November 15-16, 2017



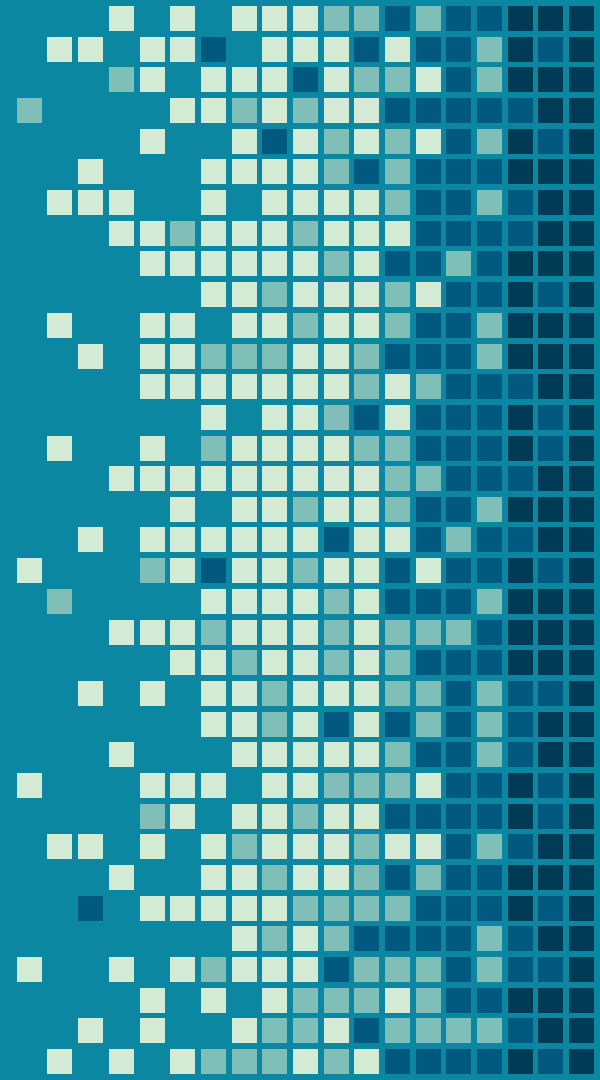
2nd Circle of Lectures on Economics for Libraries 2017,
Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)





*Successful partnerships
require ... shared goals,
mutual respect, tolerance,
trust, competencies &
communication...*

(Giesecke, 2012)



H.E.L.I.N. Partnership-Lesson Learned 1

We are not all the same

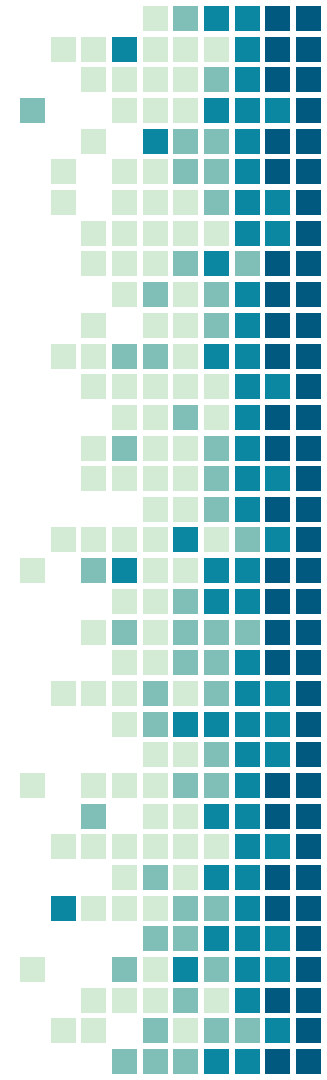
We do not have the same capabilities, but strict rules do not help partnerships.

Exchange of knowledge

Our libraries/users benefit from the staffs' exchange of experience and knowledge.

Mutual trust & respect

are essential components for the success of a collaborative action.



H.E.L.I.N. Partnership-Lesson Learned 2

Teamwork of diverse people/ organizations

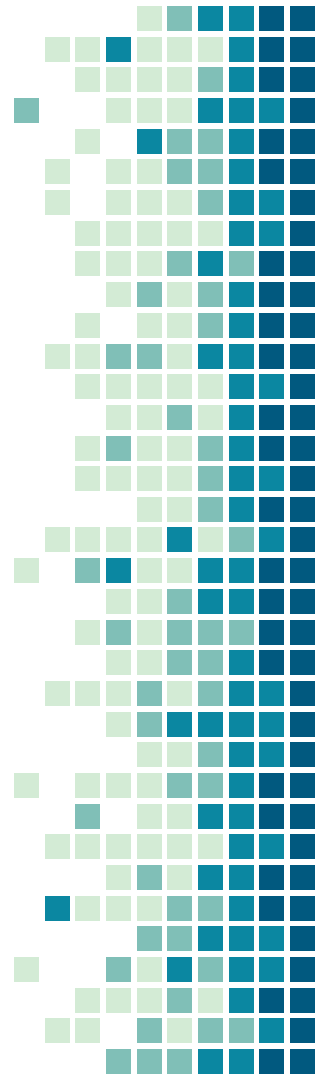
enriches knowledge and opens the way for good practices.

Network's accomplished tasks

would have been difficult to achieve while working independently.

Communication

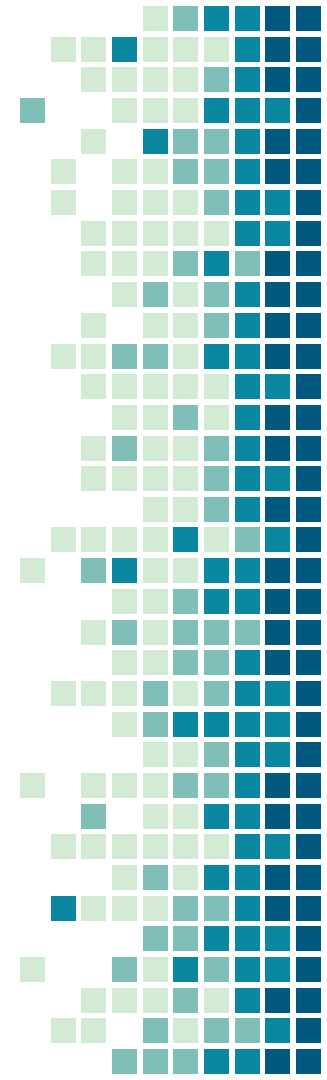
is crucial. By developing formal/informal communication systems, we overcame barriers to success.



H.E.L.I.N. Partnership-Lesson Learned 3

Libraries are fighting

for their survival because of new technologies, changing expectations of the readers, changing values in the workplace and the challenges of the organizations they belong to.



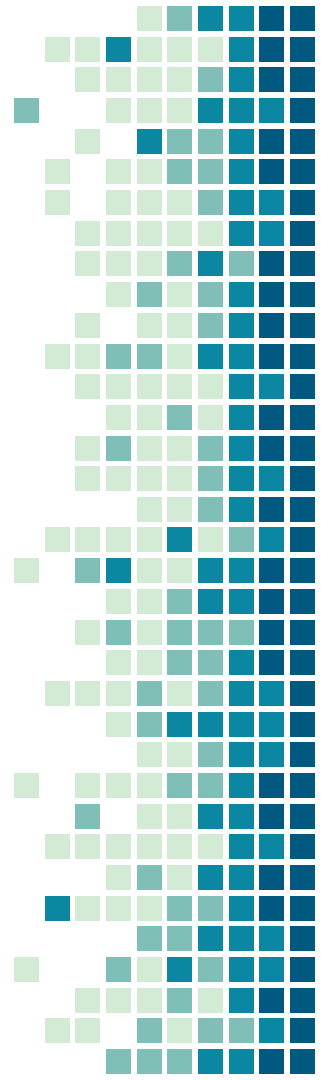
H.E.L.I.N. Partnership-Lesson Learned 4

Libraries, in order to thrive, need to convince society of their abilities, competencies, completeness & quality.

Networks and partnerships can respond to the emerging difficulties of operation and facilitate survival by enhancing excellence.

Partnerships may include information and vision sharing, joint negotiation of common interests, complementary skills and multi-organization processes.

Collaborating Libraries take advantage of the complementarity, specialization and exploitation of powerful elements in each partner organization.



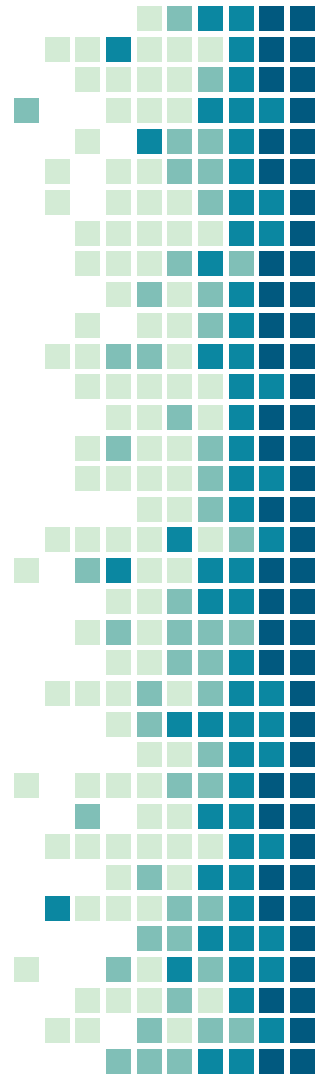
H.E.L.I.N. Partnership's Future

Near future

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- Book Presentations on Economics, Athens 2018, World Book Capital by UNESCO

Ongoing process

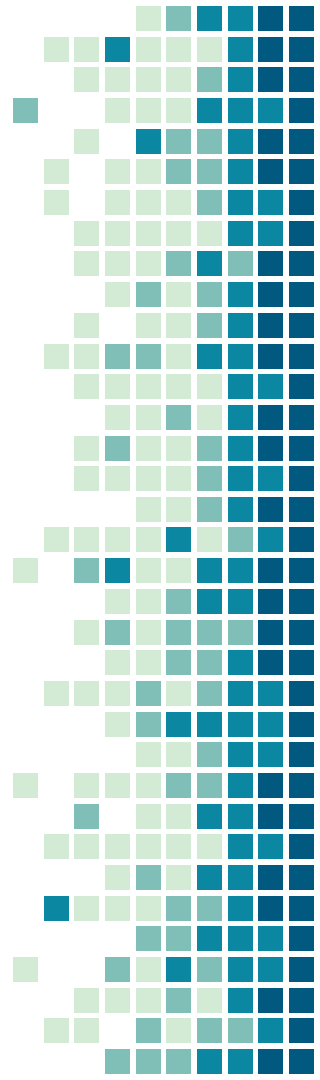
- Maturing partnership
- Extroversion
- New members



Partnership is people!



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