



# **Second European Report on Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries**

**Full version**  
**Report prepared by the EBLIDA Secretariat**  
**in collaboration with the National Library of Latvia**

**January 2022**



This work is made available under the terms of  
the relative Commons Attribution 4.0 International  
License: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0>

# SDG-oriented policies for public libraries based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> EBLIDA European report on sustainable development and libraries

Workshop 1: Sustainable development  
and public libraries  
EBLIDA conference, Athens 15.06.2022

Kristine Deksnē & Katrina Kukaine, National Library of Latvia



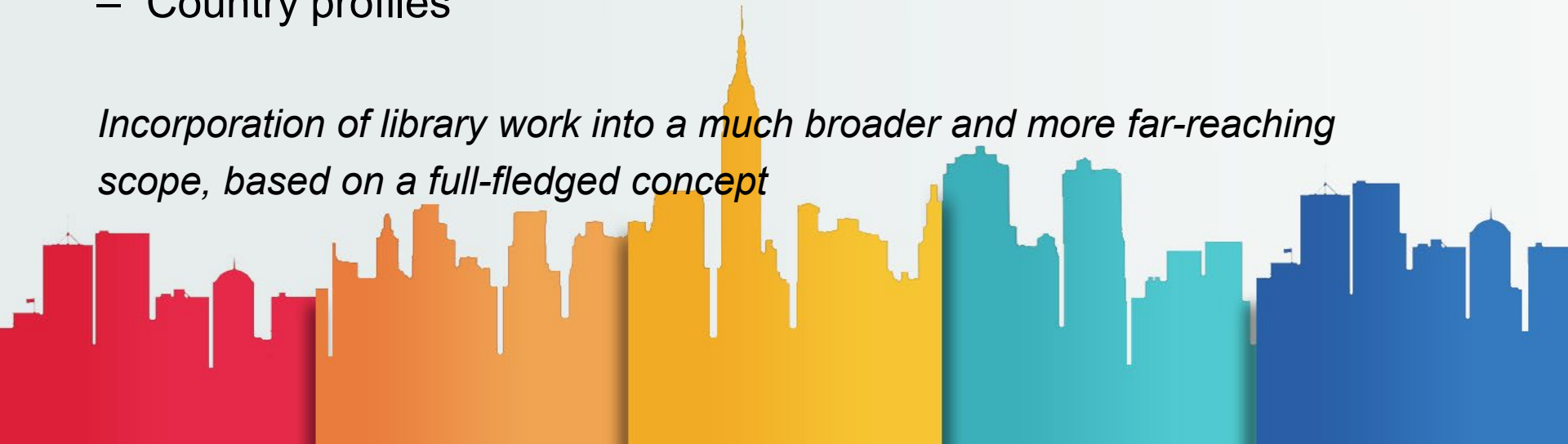
# Methodology

Survey: 19 countries (library associations and other representative institutions)

Second European Report on Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries:

- Synthesis report
- Country profiles

*Incorporation of library work into a much broader and more far-reaching scope, based on a full-fledged concept*





# Synthesis five parts

SDGs: National perception and coordinating entities

Visibility at national level and library advocacy

Funding SDG-oriented projects

International partnership

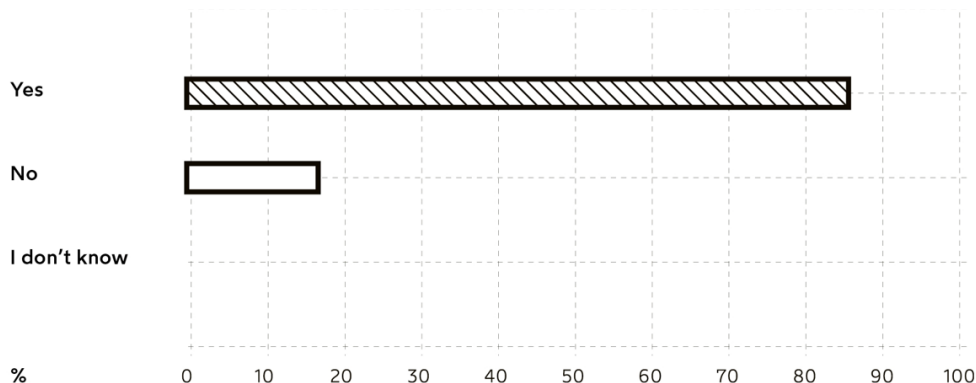
Evaluation of SDG-oriented projects



# SDGs: National perception and coordinating entities

*European libraries are not only about projects, but also about how library personnel and users perceive and apply them in their everyday work*

Have library associations and/or library agencies in your country identified policies with a view to pursuing SD policies in libraries?

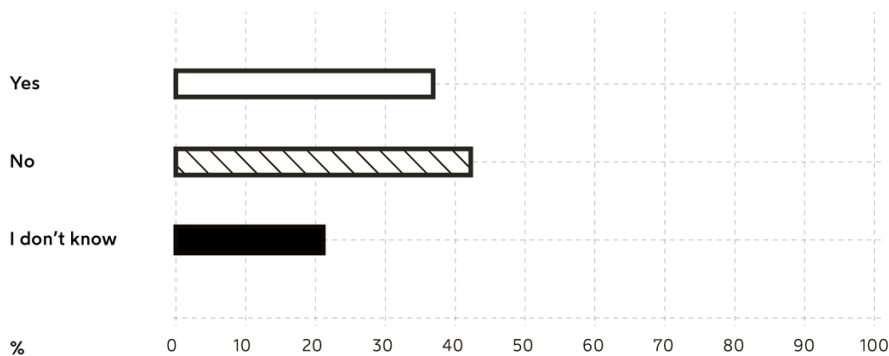


# Visibility at national level and library advocacy

*The EBLIDA community is divided in half: libraries implement SDG projects as a result of well-coordinated policy /*

*they act in the wake of a spontaneous determination to support the SDG cause*

Is there any mention of library activities in the official SDG documents?



# National perception and coordinating entities



Danmark

**The Danish Library Association** works together with Danish libraries to promote a 2030-focus at local level

**Project DB2030 Network** – a national 2030 Network of cross-disciplinary character including libraries, NGOs etc to stimulate 2030 activities in the library environment in Danish municipalities

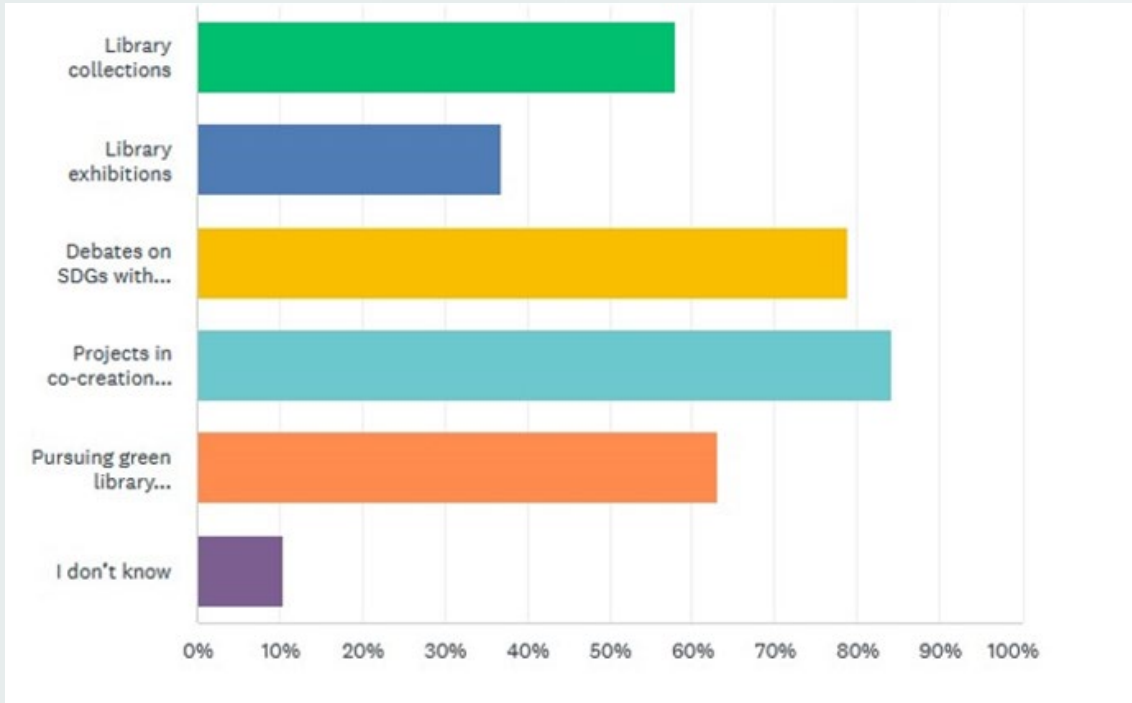


France

Four organisations – **ENSSIB, CFIBD, BPI, ABF** – have set up a Working Group in charge of monitoring the follow up to the UN 2030 Agenda in French libraries

# Focus of SDG oriented projects

SDG-oriented projects should be focused on:



1. Projects in co-creation with partners/citizens (digital inclusion etc.)
2. Debates on SDGs with citizens
3. Green library objectives
4. Library collection
5. Library exhibitions

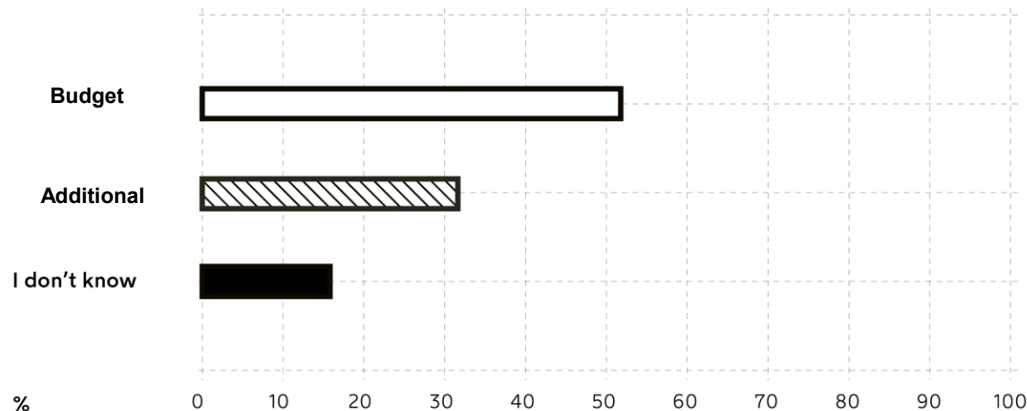
# Funding SDG-oriented projects

*Support for SDG-oriented library projects is part of the **ordinary library budget** in 53 % of the cases*

*One third reports that SDGs are implemented by the means of **additional library funding***

*More than a third of the respondents (37 %) believe that the SDG reorientation of EU Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027 will **promote library activities***

## Financial support for SDG-oriented library projects



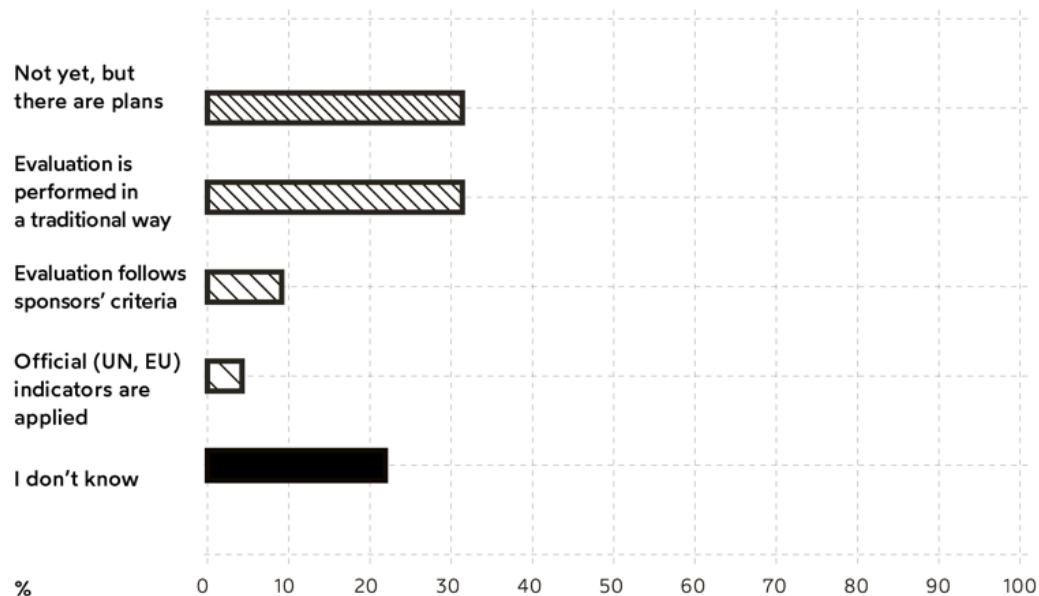


# Evaluation of SDG-oriented projects

*Lack of evaluation or evaluation carried out in a traditional way suggests the need for innovative assessing schemes.*

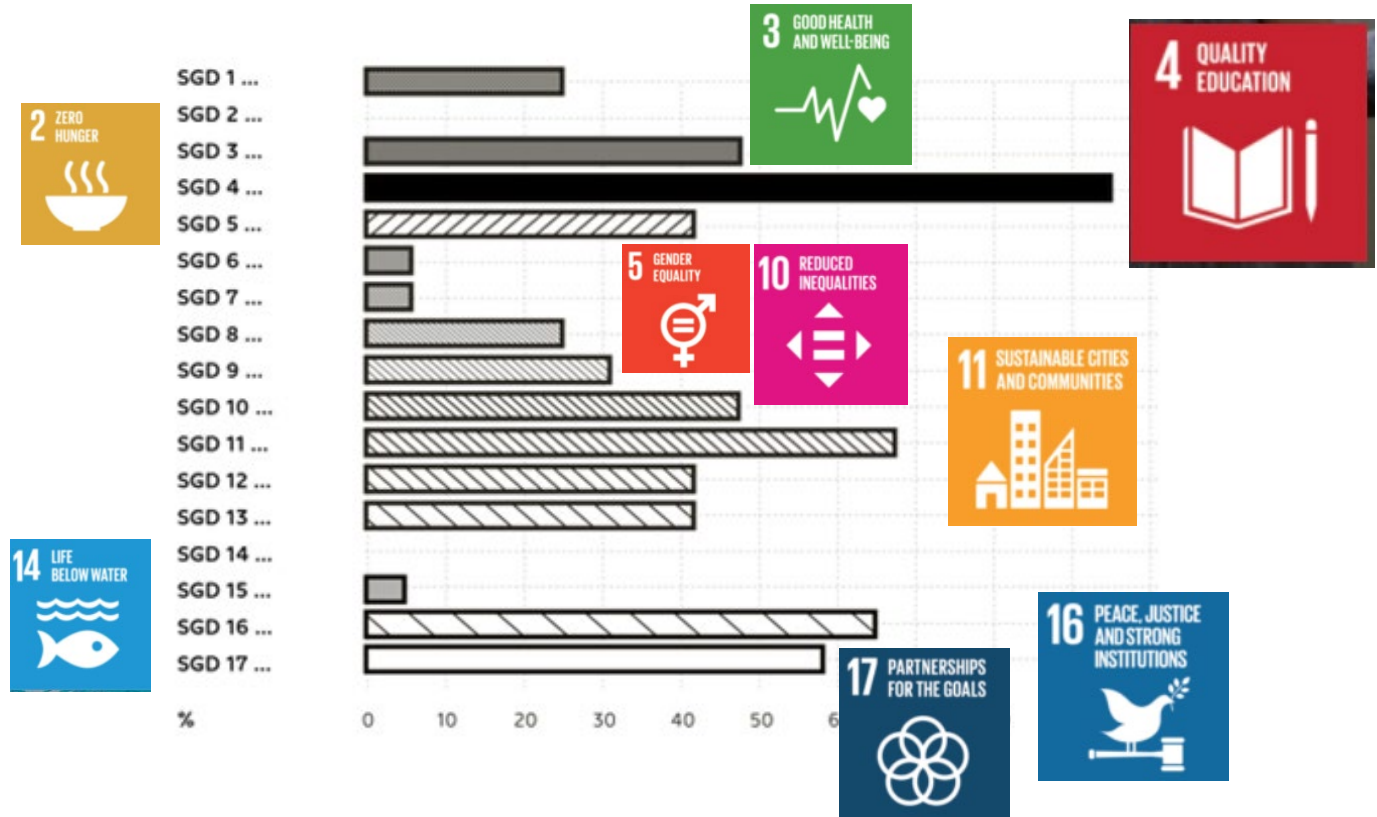
*More than half of the respondents believe that libraries in Europe may benefit from the EBLIDA Sustainable Development House (including the EBLIDA Matrix and SDG-KIC)*

Are SDG-oriented library projects evaluated in your country?



Not all of SDGs enjoy the same priority and aren't implemented with equal effort

# SDG-oriented policies





## Treffpunkt Deutsch

Heilbronner Stadtbibliothek



## Wie kommt das W in den Baum?

SLB im Bildungsforum  
Potsdam



Germany

Examples of projects in different  
German libraries to help refugees

Treffpunkt Deutsch / Wie kommt das  
W in den Baum? / Dialogues for Integr  
ation: Hamburg Libraries Help Refug  
ees Find their Way

<https://www.biblio2030.de/beispielsammlung/>

# International partnership

**Walk the Global Walk:** Young people - leaders on the road to sustainability:

connects local and regional authorities with

local communities (school communities and civil society organisations) in 11 European countries: Italy, France, Croatia, Cyprus, United Kingdom (Wales and Scotland), Portugal, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania

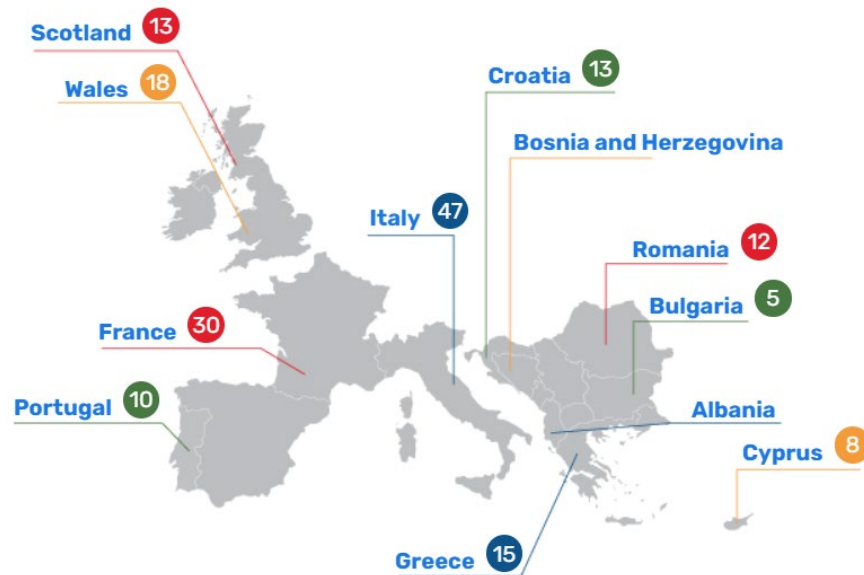
<https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/en/>



## Walk the Global Walk

Young people leading the path to sustainability

Go to School Activities



# Projects in co-creation with partners/citizens (digital inclusion)



Italy: DigEDUCATI /  
Sapere digitale



[www.fondazionebergamo.it/digeducati/](http://www.fondazionebergamo.it/digeducati/)

# Family Business Library

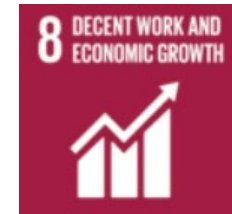
*Rural and Regional Libraries as Local  
Family Entrepreneurship Centres*



## Family Business Library

### FBL

Erasmus+ project Family Business Library. It promotes entrepreneurship education in non-urban and rural regions. The main idea of the project - address people in rural regions through local and regional libraries.

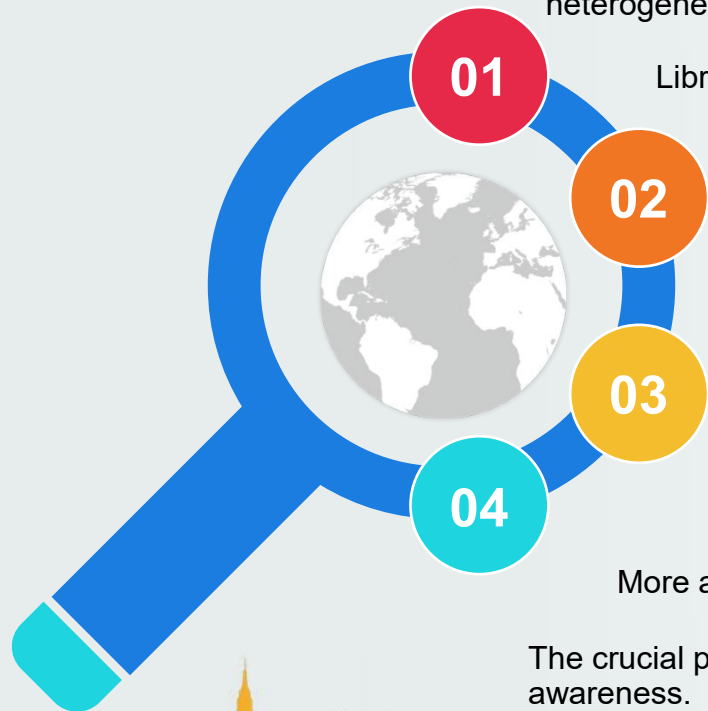


Latvia, Germany, Croatia, Italy and Greece



# General conclusions from the Report

Overall, the progress of SDG implementation in European libraries is quite heterogeneous



01

Libraries link their projects and activities to the majority of SDGs

02

SDG-oriented projects can be multi-layered and require multi-tasking, but the main focus remains on digital and inclusive issues, as well as on green libraries

An investigation on the impact of EU programs in libraries is therefore strongly needed

03

A great deal of work still has to be done in order to arrange closer and stronger partnership with a diverse range of institutions, whether regional/national and/or international

04

More active project management skills should be provided to libraries

The crucial point for the successful implementation of SDGs is librarians' awareness.



1.SDGs provide opportunities for libraries on various levels – locally, nationally and internationally. As librarians we need to actively engage in the debate and implementation of same. Please, discuss potential opportunities!

2. Please, share Your experience in SDGs implementation via library activities in Your library/ country.

3. Is there a greater role for EBLIDA in the promotion of SDGs?

**After 15 minutes, please, come back with conclusions to whole workshop members.**

