

A proposed rolling plan 2010-2015
*Learning together ...
sharing best practices*

Eurolib plenary meeting

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Eurolib mission statement

EUROLIB is a grouping of European institutional libraries organised on the basis of an agreement adopted by Resolution at a General Assembly in Dublin on 18 April, 1997. This meeting was the 13th General Assembly of a previously informal grouping established on the initiative of the Secretary-general of the European Parliament in June 1988.

Eurolib mission statement (2)

EUROLIB aims to promote a wider awareness of the contribution libraries make to the work of the institutions they serve. It seeks to enhance the professional performance of the staff of the institutional libraries through developing inter-library contacts of all kinds, staff exchanges, etc.. It endeavours to help participating libraries achieve economies of investment in technology and acquisitions through network and other partnerships promoting comprehensive bibliographic control and library and document delivery services.

What we are:

- An informal network
- of “special libraries” (libraries of EU organisations)
- main target: staff of the organisation
- with limited resources
- and a common core ‘fonds’:
- European Union related publications.

Why special

(compared to national, public, university and research libraries)

- Mission of our libraries
- Our (target) public: internal/external
- Staff and resources
- Our specialised collections and focus
- Our services
- Our products

What Eurolib libraries do for their institutions:

(the added value from the point of view of our decision makers)

- with Eurolib, we achieve substantial economies of scale
 - ⇒ coordination of activities
 - ⇒ looking together at problems & finding solutions
 - ⇒ common or similar "modus operandi"
- de facto participate to EU dissemination policy
 - ⇒ network of specialised libraries
 - ⇒ we are close to our specific "stakeholders"
 - ⇒ each of us has a kind of network
 - ⇒ we know how to deal with the public
- we support the availability of EU electronic documents
 - ⇒ identification of important electronic publications
 - ⇒ preservation and accessibility
 - ⇒ participation in European initiatives: PODL, Europeana, etc.

What Eurolib does for its members:

(our added value: together we can achieve more)

- represents the "differences"=
 - ⇒ Eurolib, a recognised professional group
- brings benefits and advantages =
 - ⇒ for all members
 - ⇒ in the daily work
 - ⇒ reciprocal support
 - ⇒ "lobby"

What we can achieve as an informal network:

- A. Professional awareness
 - the role of libraries within EU organisations
 - importance of information services
- B. Mutual support
 - problem solving
 - repository of (internal) documents
- C. Common views
 - professional recommendations and positions
 - cooking books

What should we agree:

- **A. 5 years rolling work plan**
 - continuation and consolidation
 - clear view for the members and their organisation
 - well defined objectives
 - visible outcomes and achievements
- **B. Common Eurolib outputs**
 - foster members involvement
 - common papers and working documents
 - common approaches
 - a shared repository

- **C. Meetings and working groups**
 - at least one plenary meeting per year
 - working groups meetings ad hoc
 - working groups could be clustered in some thematic groups
- **D. Presence and recognition of the group**
 - professional recognition (external)
 - added-value (internal)

Next steps:

- **Adoption of the new Presidency**
 - 1 president and 2 vice-presidents
 - duration
- **Approval of the next 5 years rolling work plan**
 - methodology
 - themes and topics
- **Participate in Eurolib activities**
 - we are all Eurolib members, the presidency facilitates
 - participation in (thematic) working groups
 - preparation of papers
- **“Membership” policy**
 - libraries, documentation and information centers
 - EU, EU related and EU financed
 - members and guests