



# **RECOMMENDATION ON LIBRARY LEGISLATION AND POLICY IN EUROPE**

Slovenian Library Association, 20.9.2023



# 2000: CoE-EBLIDA Guidelines on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe

Four sections:

- Freedom of expression and free access to information,
- Libraries within the framework of national book and information policies,
- Libraries and knowledge industries,
- The protection of library heritage.

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I. Freedom of expression, free access to information and democratic participation,

II. Libraries within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

III. Global and local threats and library operations

IV. Digital transformation and the promotion of a sustainable, reliable and inclusive library Ecosystem

V. Copyright and the protection of library heritage



Libraries are defined:

“publicly accessible institutions of a cultural, educational and social nature that serve local, academic, specialised communities and/or society at large.”

The essence of library power:

cultural, educational and social organisms.



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I. Freedom of expression, free access to information and democratic participation

*Empty concepts without active citizenship and people's interaction and dialogue;*

*Fight to fake news;*

*Role of libraries as democratic institutions.*



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II. Libraries within the framework of national book and information policies

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II. Libraries within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,



Two new sections:

III. “Global and local threats and library operations” and

IV. “Digital transformation and the expansion of Artificial Intelligence-based library networks”.

To reinforce Library resilience and manage new technologies and artificial intelligence.







## IV “Copyright and the protection of library heritage”

The Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market approved by the European Union in 2019,

parts of the text where exceptions to copyright for libraries and other cultural institutions are envisaged.



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























































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**Building bridges: strengthen the multiple roles of libraries as gateways to and transmitters of cultural works, skills and European values**

Working methods: OMC group; workshops; conference.

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























































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Rationale: Libraries' key role in building democracy, citizen engagement and public-participation


Access to rural and remote areas

Pluralist and reliable information

Gateways to local and indigenous data, knowledge, research and culture.

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## Target outputs:

Promoting and strengthening libraries;  
 Identifying different dimensions and areas with potential,  
 Exploring funding lines under EU programmes;  
 Bringing together policy makers and library professionals;  
 Training and further activities for professionals.

# What is OMC?

The OMC is principally based on:

- jointly identifying and defining objectives (adopted by the Council);
- jointly established measuring instruments (statistics, indicators, guidelines);
- benchmarking, i.e. comparison of EU countries' performance, exchange of best practices.



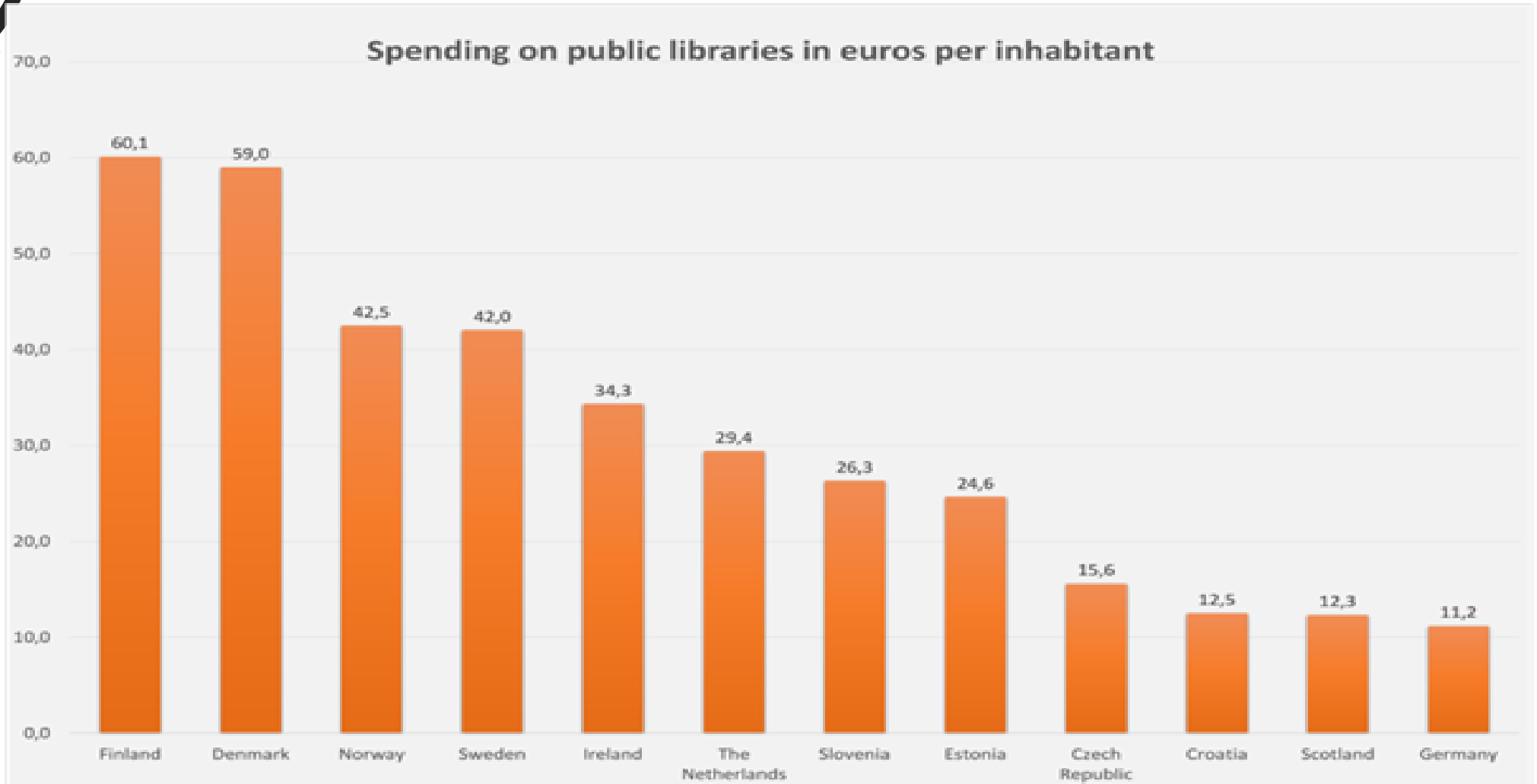


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**Developing and implementing measurement and benchmarking tools, including statistical data and indicators, as good practices in public policy and library management**

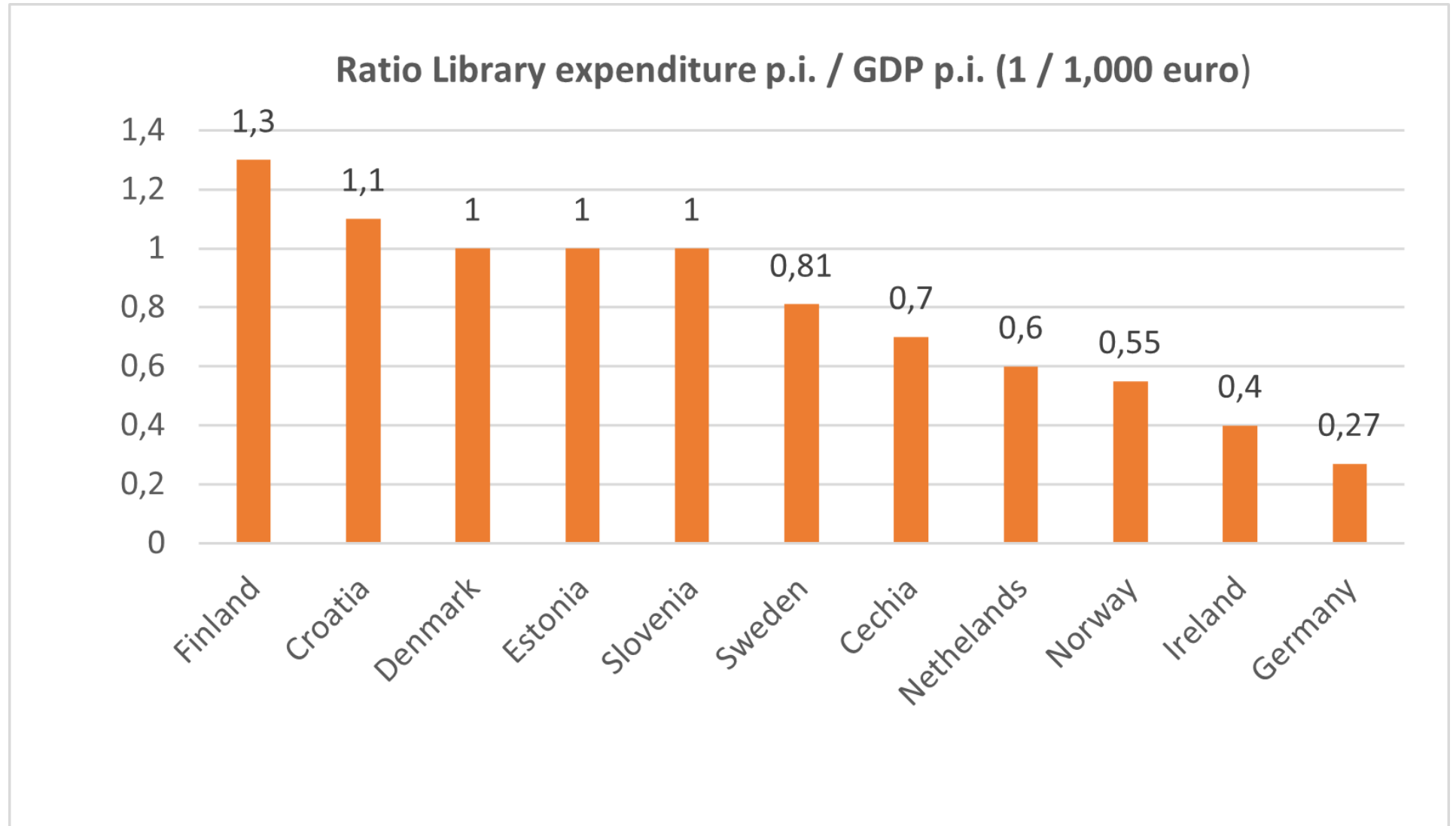


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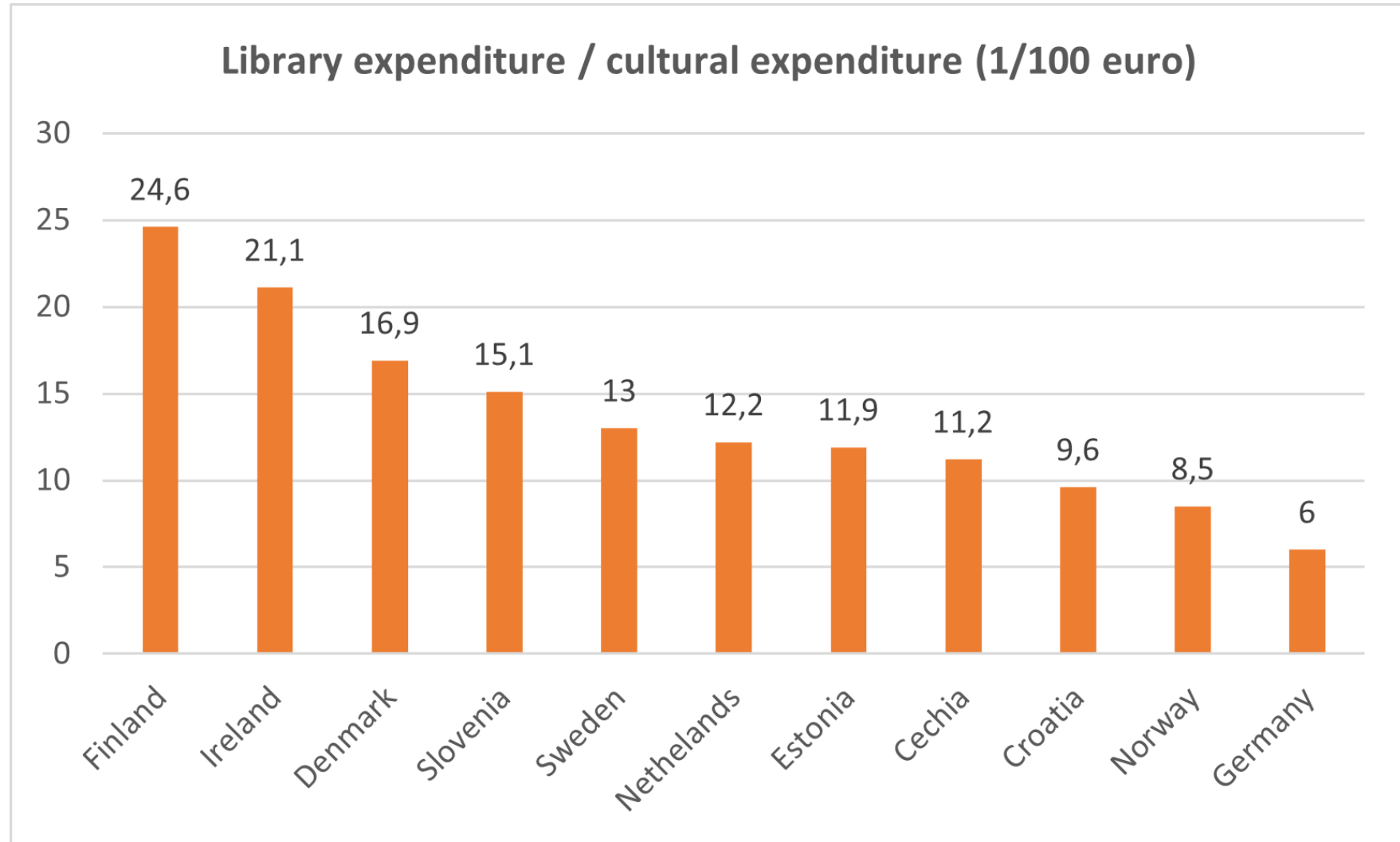
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**B) Possible funding lines under EU programmes, which can facilitate the development of librarians and of the public library sector in Europe, and in particular the use of European Structural and Investment Funds by Member States**



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**ESIFs: the biggest opportunity for libraries offered by the European Commission,**

**Finances: how libraries may contribute to local strategies of regional development.**

**The ESIF line “Culture and Tourism”, designed for museums and other cultural heritage institutions, invested no less than 12,9 billion euro for 21,229 projects from 2014 to 2021 - *in Italy only.***

**Why not a special line for libraries and social inclusion or libraries and SDGs in ESIF 2028-2035?**



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**C) Beneficial and long-term recommendations, manuals and toolkits concerning the development of sustainable development goals in and by libraries;**



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## Second European Report on Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries: 2023 Update

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

January 2022  
Updated March 2023

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The EBLIDA Matrix graphic features a horizontal bar with 17 colored segments, each corresponding to an SDG. Below the bar, the text reads 'The EBLIDA Matrix is the EBLIDA contribution to the Europe 2030 Agenda. As the European Bureau of Library Associations, we are offering this service to European libraries - how to be involved in the implementation of the Europe 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.' A grid of 17 icons represents the Sustainable Development Goals.

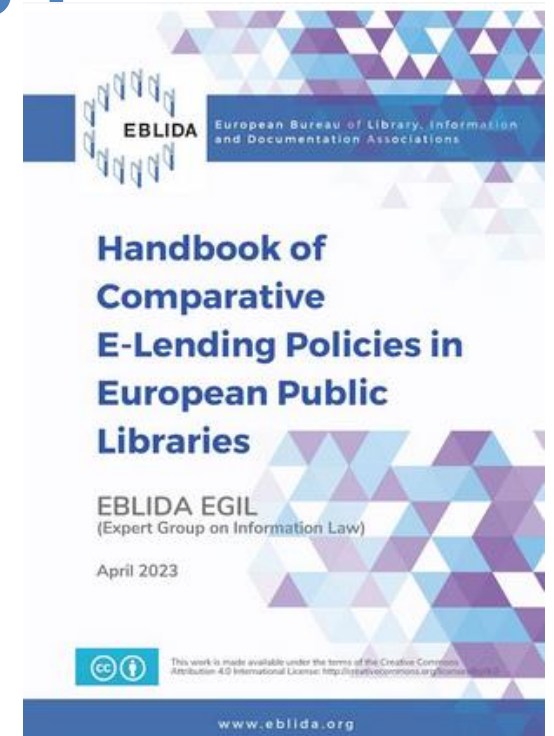
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## D) Recommendations on e-lending practices in libraries in EU Member States;





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**E) Suggestions concerning the optimal application of the Council of Europe Recommendation on Library legislation and policy in Europe**



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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