



# SUSTAINABILITY and IFLA; WHAT HAPPENS in EUROPE?

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A landscape featuring a row of wind turbines on a hillside overlooking a forest and a body of water under a blue sky. The foreground is a golden field with several hay bales. The middle ground shows a dense green forest. The background features a blue body of water and a clear sky with some light clouds.

# Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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# Sustainability , IFLA , LMW

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### Theme: Libraries building a sustainable future

I am taking up the responsibility of the IFLA Presidency at a time when the world is looking to rebuild after the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Yet while we should not easily forget all of the damage done, there is also an important opportunity to do things better, more sustainably.

My theme – **Libraries Building a Sustainable Future** – therefore has the following three dimensions.

LIBRARY MAP OF THE WORLD

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WORLDWIDE TOTALS +

Number of Libraries	Libraries with Internet Access	Full-Time Staff	Volunteers	Registered Users	Physical Visits	Physical Loans	Electronic Loans
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ADJUST SETTINGS

DATA

Search by Country

2.6 M Total Libraries

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Academic	94,824	2022
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Other	38,515	2022

Legend: Selected Country, Data Available, No Country Data

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# Library Map of the World (LMW)

How can we advocate at the global, regional, and national levels without basic information about the number and state of libraries across the world?

This question prompted the development of the Library Map of the World (LMW). This started in 2017 as an initiative to collect and visualise basic library statistics, and to highlight how libraries are contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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# Library Map of the World (LMW)

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### **METRICS**

NUMBER OF LIBRARIES

LIBRARIES WITH INTERNET ACCESS

FULL-TIME STAFF

VOLUNTEERS

REGISTERED USERS

PHYSICAL VISITS

PHYSICAL LOANS (BOOKS)

PHYSICAL LOANS

(DOCUMENTS ON PHYSICAL CARRIER)

ELECTRONIC LOANS (EBOOKS)

ELECTRONIC LOANS (AUDIO BOOKS)

ELECTRONIC LOANS (DOWNLOADS)

### **LIBRARY TYPES**

NATIONAL

ACADEMIC

PUBLIC

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL

OTHER

### **ORGANISATIONS**

NATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

NATIONAL LIBRARY

POLICY MAKING INSTITUTIONS

LIBRARY SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

### **POLICY & LEGISLATION**

NATIONAL POLICY FOR LIBRARIES

LIBRARY LAW

LEGAL DEPOSIT LAW

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AND LIMITATIONS

# Library Map of the World (LMW) Glossary

## EDUCATION & EVENTS

Professional Qualification Requirements

## CONTEXTUAL INDICATORS

Area (Sq. Km)

Education Spending

Age Dependency Ratio, Youth

## GEOGRAPHIES

Countries And Regions Used

## COUNTRIES AND REGIONS USED

The naming and listing of countries included in the Library Map of the World is based on definitions used by [United Nations Statistics Division \(UNSD\)](#). According to the UNSD Methodology on [Standard country or area codes for statistical use \(M49\)](#) there are 249 countries or areas in the world.

The assignment of countries or areas to specific regions is also based on United Nations definitions with the exception of the Americas. In the Library Map of the World, this has been split to list North America separately from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Adult Literacy

Gdp Per Capita

Students Per Teacher

Ict Skills: Using Basic Arithmetic In A Spreadsheet

Population Density



# Europe in LMW

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Number of Libraries

2.6 M



Libraries with Internet Access

371,741



Full-Time Staff

1.6 M



Volunteers

571,286



Registered Users

1,048.9 M



Physical Visits

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Physical Loans

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Electronic Loans

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Stacked bar chart showing distribution: <0.1%, 3.6%, 15.5%, 0.9%, 78.4%, 1.5%

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Africa	112,297	28,854	22,576	746	9.3 M	196.0 M	111.5 M	16.9 M
Asia	1.9 M	75,532	670,585	334,843	476.9 M	1,179.1 M	2,936.3 M	11,250.0 M
<b>Europe</b>	<b>301,377</b>	<b>145,759</b>	<b>494,061</b>	<b>230,260</b>	<b>197.3 M</b>	<b>2,092.7 M</b>	<b>3,063.6 M</b>	<b>1,765.7 M</b>
Oceania	12,132	2,019	13,700	36	17.5 M	131.7 M	40.0 M	128.9 M
Northern America	129,129	97,988	303,490	1,475	191.9 M	1,739.3 M	2,576.5 M	228.1 M
Latin America & Caribbean	146,121	21,589	92,778	3,926	156.0 M	293.6 M	147.9 M	692.8 M

# Library Map of the World (LMW) & Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs)

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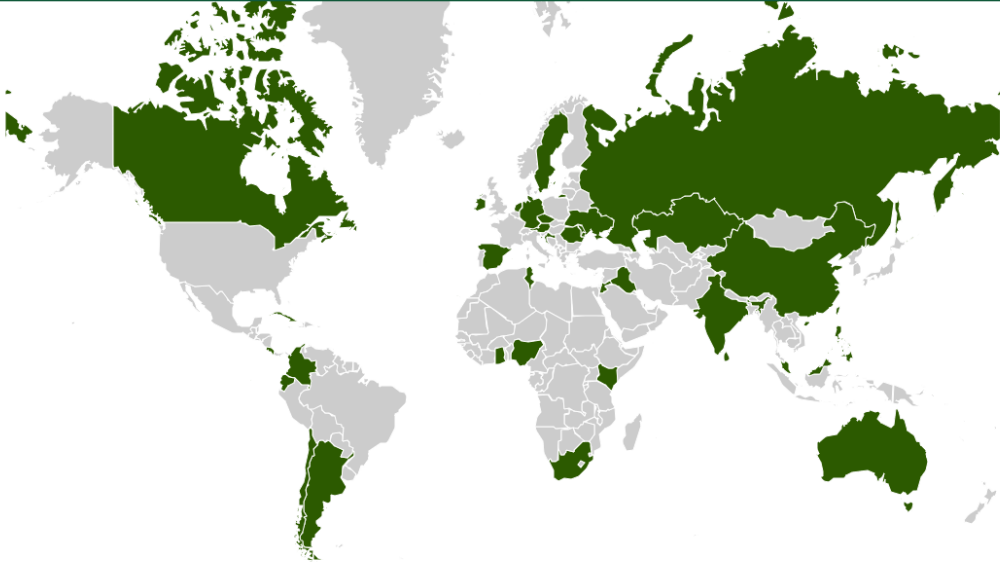


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**34 Countries**  
56 Stories

Select a country to view stories.

- GOAL 1. No Poverty**  
4 Stories
- GOAL 2. Zero Hunger**  
4 Stories
- GOAL 3. Good Health and Well-Being**  
10 Stories
- GOAL 4. Quality Education**  
40 Stories
- GOAL 5. Gender Equality**  
8 Stories
- GOAL 6. Clean Water and Sanitation**




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## Storytelling Manual

Thank you for your interest in submitting your SDG story for the Library Map of the World!

The [SDG Stories section](#) provides you with a unique digital space to share your story and to demonstrate how your library's activities, projects and/or programmes contribute to the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), make an impact on your community, and serve as a partner in meeting local development needs.

This [Storytelling Manual](#) was designed as a practical guide to help librarians and library advocates in telling compelling stories about library activities, projects and programmes, showing their impact on communities and people's lives. It is also intended to support you in the process of preparing and submitting your story to the Library Map of the World.

Use this [SDG Storytelling Flowchart](#) to better understand if your story is suitable for the Library Map of the World, to check if you have all elements you need and if you are ready to submit it.

**+ INSPIRE**

**- PREPARE**

**- SUBMIT**

**- KEEP IN TOUCH**

If you have any questions or need an assistance during the preparation or submission steps, the Library Map of the World team is ready to help you. Please do not hesitate to reach out for support at [librarymap@ifla.org](mailto:librarymap@ifla.org).

To stay up to date with the latest news, follow us on Twitter at [@IFLA LibraryMap](#)

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**SDG STORIES** ?

Search

**7 Countries**  
**8 Stories**  
Goal 5. Gender Equality

**Tunisia** - Tunisian library's digital skills course promotes opportunities for women

**South Africa** - Library-led community garden feeds people, builds skills and boosts employability

**Ghana** - Access to sexual and reproductive health education in the library to curb teenage pregnancy

**Argentina** - Community library's Women's Circle educates to reduce gender-based violence

**Kazakhstan** - "Human library" in Kazakhstan provides safe space for discriminated communities

**Kazakhstan** - Library raises awareness and fosters research enabling gender balance and equality

**Sri Lanka** - National library facilitates skills development programme to help citizens acquire skills for employment

**Spain** - Library supports university to mainstream gender equality and empowerment of women

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# Library Map of the World (LMW) & Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs)

Tunisia




Relevant SDGs



Share this story: 

## TUNISIAN LIBRARY'S DIGITAL SKILLS COURSE PROMOTES OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Arabic 

Tunisia faces not only a relatively high illiteracy rate of 19.1%, but also a large number of early school leavers – up to 120 000 in 2014 according to the National Institute of Statistics (2014). Connected to this is a high unemployment rate, standing at 22.79% and 12.55% for women and men respectively. Much of the problem of early school leaving is concentrated in rural areas of the country.

One such area is the island of Djerba in southern Tunisia. The Eriadh district, in the middle of the island, is home to 10 626 inhabitants according to 2014 census figures. While there are a number of small factories and shops, it faces similar challenges to other parts of the country, but is rich in civil institutions including a library and other cultural, educational and social organisations which work together for the benefit of all.


Given its commitment to sustainable development, the Eriadh Public Library has therefore sought to help primarily illiterate women develop digital skills by launching a computer literacy club.

This initiative aimed to give those who had left school without skills a second chance to build their ability to find work by giving them the knowledge and support to become computer literate. The course placed a particular emphasis on inclusive life-long learning, gender equality, and access to decent jobs and economic development.






# Library Map of the World (LMW) & Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) Stories

Croatia




Relevant SDGs







Share this story: 

Spain



Relevant SDGs

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 **Croatia**  
2 Stories Available


- A library in Croatia is sparking change and action with educational 'greenlivities' that promote waste reduction and increase ecological practices  
Supports Goals 6, 12, 13, 17  
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- School library helps to implement an educational programme for sustainable development  
Supports Goals 4, 12  
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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 **Spain**  
1 Story Available

- Library supports university to mainstream gender equality and empowerment of women  
Supports Goals 4, 5  
[Read More...](#)

 RESET TO WORLDVIEW

# Library Map of the World (LMW) Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) Stories

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Now it's your turn, if your country doesn't have a  
SDGs story in LMW, what would you add?

# Library Map of the World (LMW) Current Situation

IFLA Regional Committees Formed  
(2021)

Europe Regional Committee 20  
Countries

Working Groups Formed  
(October – November 2021)

Subcommittees Formed  
(January 2022)

LMW Subcommittee Started to Update  
and Collect the LMW Data (March  
2022)

LMW Subcommittee Started to  
Planning Training Activities About SDGs  
(April 2022)





# Library Map of the World (LMW) Future Plan

Europe Region Data Will be Updated at LMW

Its Planning to Contact with the Countries Where Information Has Not Yet Been Added

Two Webinars Planned to Create Awerness for SDGs and to Share Experience About Country Voluntary Reports

Turkey Data Will be Updated at LMW

A Working Group Will be Formed Under the UNAK to Study about the SDGs



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