National policy for libraries. Absences, complementarities, substitutions.

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Abstract

An attempt is being made for a comprehensive recording of areas, where the national policy for the libraries is considered as crucial. Fourteen issues are identified, commented, compared and proposed for actions, namely: Continuous recording of the situation, statistical data, analysis and use, prioritization, cost assessment and planning. Self organization of the different categories of libraries, the role of the supervising organizations, necessity of conferences per category. Library staffing. Permanent Working Groups, distribution of roles - allocation of responsibilities, information feedback. National representation, participation in international fora, Lobbying in EU. Schools of Librarianship, lifelong dialogue, planning and needs prevention and adjustment. Cooperative cataloguing and authority files. FRBR. Strategic choices, CIP, Open Source S/W, Open Access. Integrated Library Systems ILS migration. Strategic alliances, consortia agreements and resource sharing. National bibliography, dissemination of union catalogues. E-biba: electronic Hellenic database on librarianship, based on Cyprus. Hellenic portal on librarianship and libraries, recording projects, tools, sources, databases.