Charting new paths: collaborative strategies for library capacity building with the European Library Associations Network project, ELAN

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Summary

- Introduction to ELAN

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- Q&A about ELAN and this session

- Activity

- Presentations

- Wrap-up

ELAN: background

EBLIDA

- Increasing investment in projects to ensure its sustainability

- Previous experience with projects, such as RL:EU

- Investment in project staff since early 2023

European Networks of Cultural and Creative Organisations

- Creative Europe - contributes to European policy initiatives in the field of culture, notably the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026

- Implemented by highly representative, multi-country, membership-based networks of European cultural organisation

- The support to European Networks of Cultural and Creative Organisations action intends to enhance the capacities of European cultural and creative sectors to face common challenges and nurture talents, innovate, prosper and generate jobs and growth.
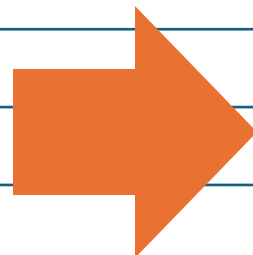
ELAN: overview

- **Name:** European Library Associations' Network

- **Acronym:** ELAN

- **Budget:** 1,114,428.54 EUR (891,542.83 EUR co-financed)

- **Length:** 4 years

- **Start date:** 1 January 2025

- **End date:** 31 December 2028

ELAN: general objectives

To enhance the work libraries already do by:

- Advocating for them and giving them the tools and skills for them to advocate for themselves

- Contributing to capacity building in the sector

- Fostering continuous innovation

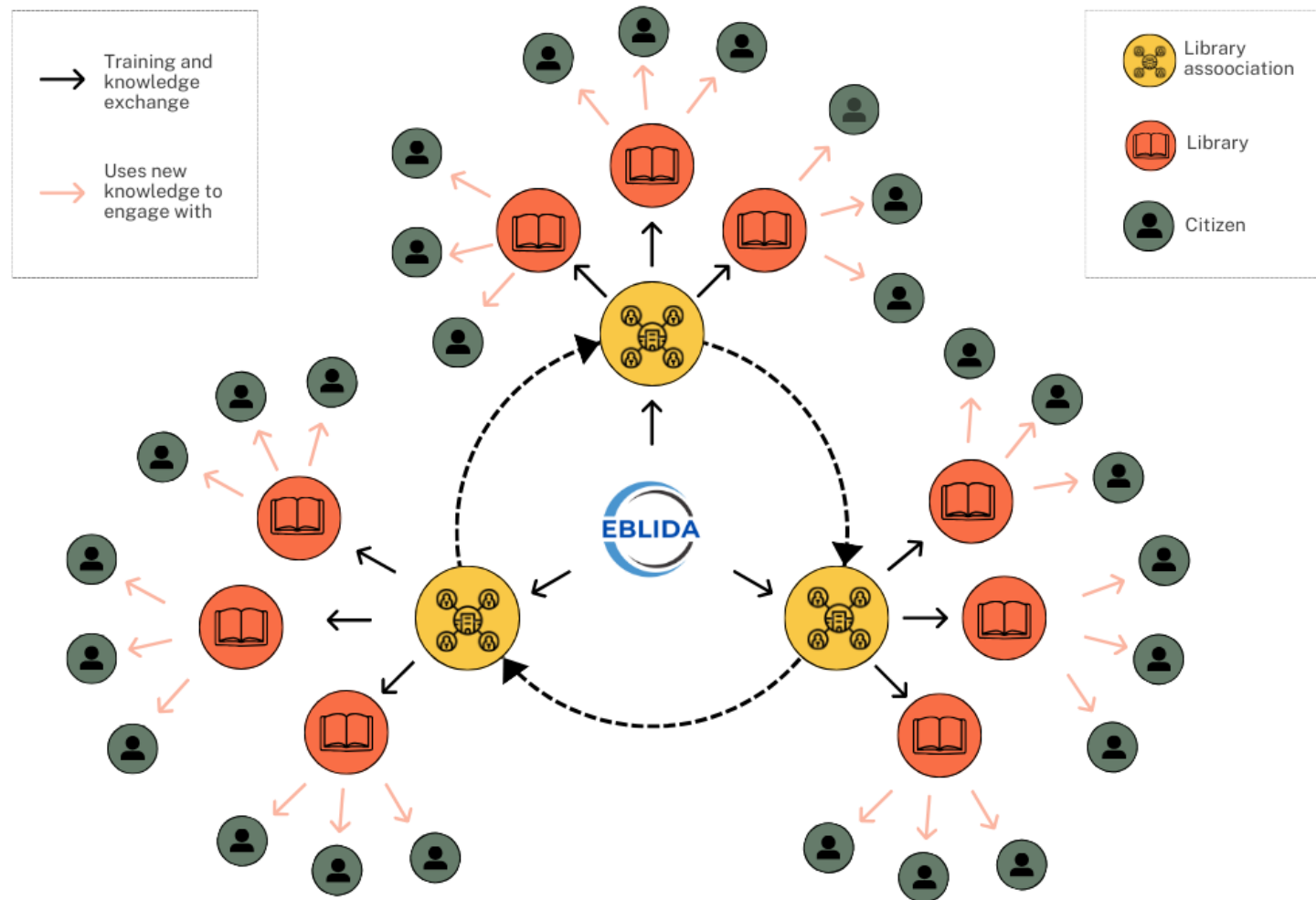| Creative Europe priorities	ELAN work packages
Artists and cultural professionals	**Library professionals**
Culture for the people	**Libraries for the people**
Culture for the planet	**Libraries for the planet**
Culture for co-creative partnerships	**Libraries for co-creative partnerships**
Culture for digital transformation	**Libraries for digital transformation**

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ELAN: specific objectives

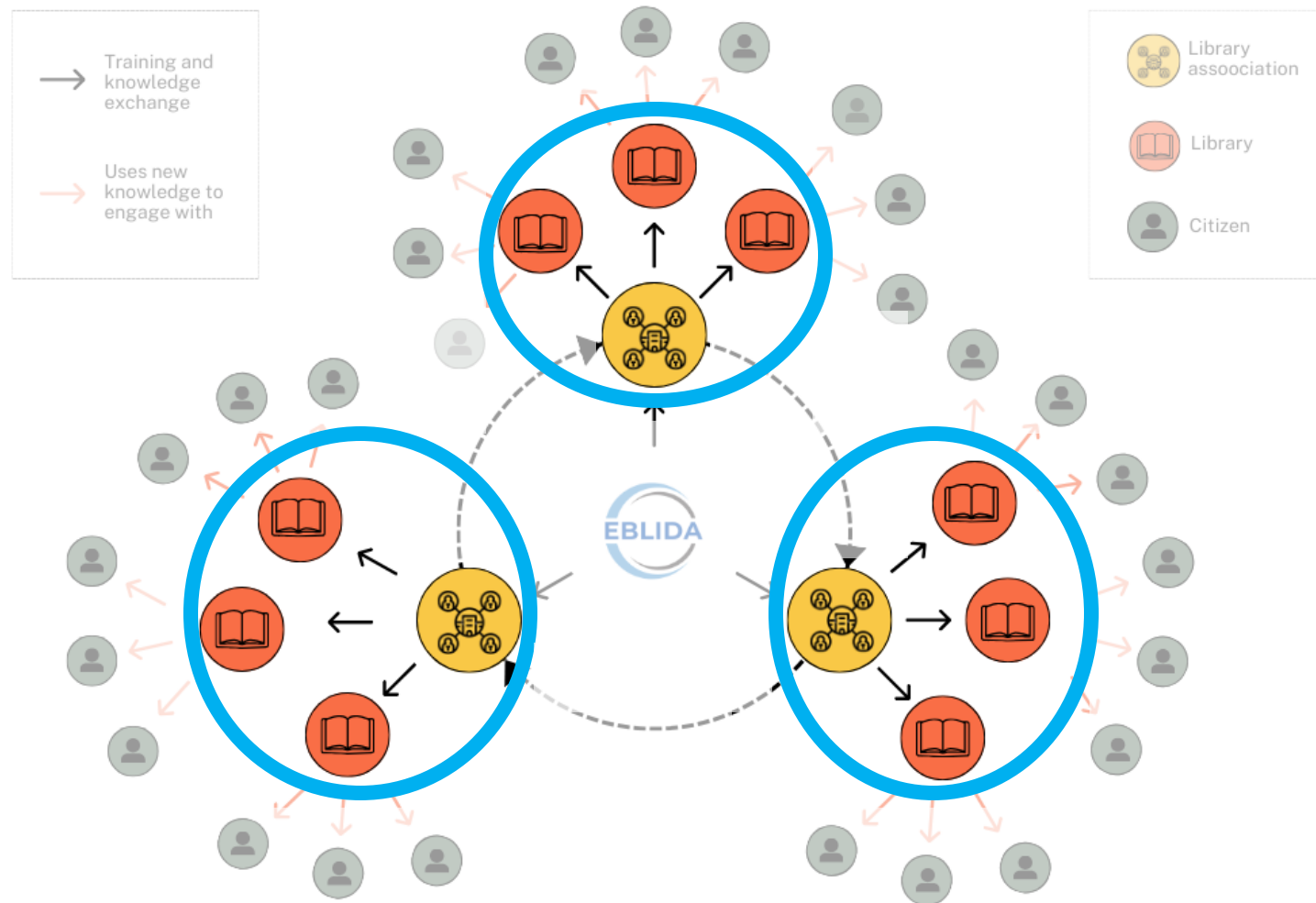| Objective	In practice
Advocacy	• Advocacy workshops • Annual advocacy events in Brussels
Capacity building – networking	• Exchange events • Conferences and seminars • Peer learning • Mix of online and in-person
Capacity building – training	• Co-creation sessions • Workshops • Webinars
Policy	• Policy recommendations by working groups
Foster innovation	• Research and creation of new resources

This session

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Training and knowledge exchange

Uses new knowledge to engage with

Library assoociation

Library

Citizen

This session

1. Divide into small groups

2. Each group brainstorms strategies on **how their library association(s) can ensure that ELAN and its objectives reach the country's or region's libraries**

3. Write down (basic) strategy and its key points

4. Each group presents their key findings

5. Discussion

6. EBLIDA collects notes and written concepts to create a document with recommendations for library associations