The LibrarIN Toolkit

Value co-creation and social innovation for a new generation of European libraries.

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Libraries are the pillars of democracy and social inclusion

Societal challenges are growing, community needs change, libraries are expected to adapt.

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The traditional model, where public services are designed top-down, is no longer appropriate.

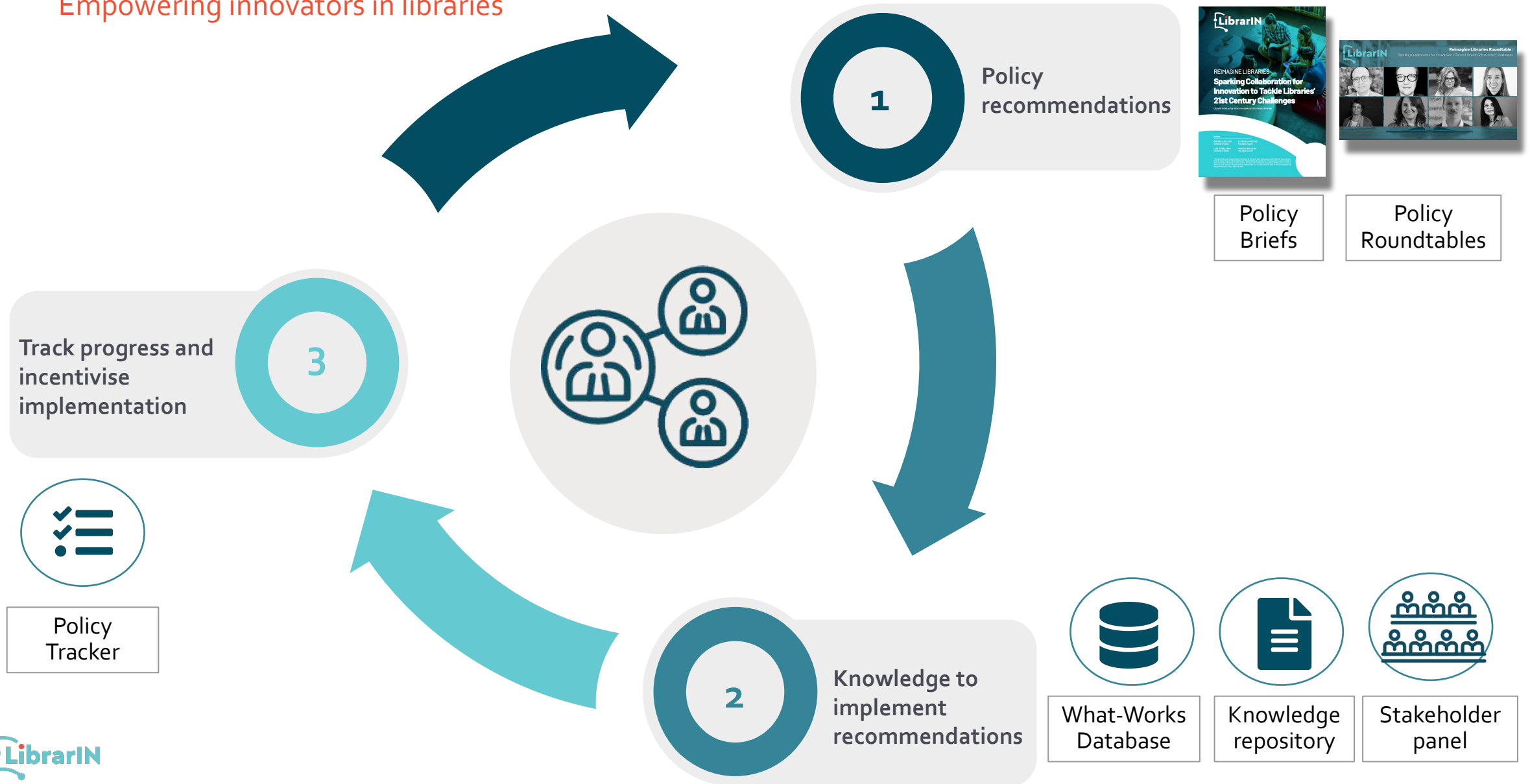There is a need for demand-driven design of library services.

What is LibrarIN?

Value co-creation and social innovation for a new generation of European libraries

The LibrarIN Policy Pillar
Empowering innovators in libraries

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Policy Tracker

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LibrarIN Toolkit

Introduction

The LibrarIN project has developed a comprehensive toolkit designed to support library staff and policymakers in advancing social innovation within European libraries. It achieves this by offering resources at the policy, library, and academic levels. Drawing on data, good practices, and research insights from across Europe, the toolkit serves as a valuable resource for policymaking, political advocacy, and academic discourse. It provides inspiration for localised innovation and collaboration, while also offering opportunities for (self-)assessment of library services and strategies. The toolkit consists of the following three tools:

Library policy tracker
Policy Level

Measures the extent to which national policies align with EU-level recommendations regarding LibrarIN research areas.

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What-works database
Library Level

Collects experiences, case studies, and good practices that promote value co-creation and social innovation in libraries.

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Research knowledge base
Academic Level

A repository of papers, studies, and reports on value co-creation and social innovation in the library sector.

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Library policy tracker

Benchmark and monitor how EU recommendations are applied across Europe

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Legend

- 🔵 YES, the country has a national policy, strategy or guidelines on this topic.
- 🔴 NO, no national policy, strategy or guidelines on this topic has been found.
- ⚫ Data not available yet.

LIBRARY POLICY TRACKER	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
Participatory management and sustainable growth																											
Integration of libraries into national SDG frameworks						🔵			🔴	🔴		🔵															
Libraries as guardians of freedom of expression						🔵			🔴	🔴		🔵															
Libraries as places for dialog						🔵			🔴	🔴		🔵															
Promoting lifelong learning in libraries						🔵			🔵	🔵		🔵															
Resources to ensure adequate training of staff and users						🔴			🔵	🔵		🔵															
Safe and inclusive places for all kinds of minorities						🔴			🔵	🔵		🔵															
Digital innovation and AI																											
Digital skill and literacy development						🔵			🔴	🔵		🔵															
Integration of libraries in national AI strategy with ethical framework						🔴			🔴	🔴		🔴															
Libraries included in the national digital transformation strategy						🔵			🔵	🔵		🔴															
Promotion of ethical use of AI in libraries						🔴			🔴	🔵		🔴															
Social innovation																											
Collaboration among libraries and archives						🔵			🔵	🔵		🔵															
Collaboration with artistic, cultural and educational institutions						🔵			🔵	🔵		🔵															
Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations - NGOs						🔵			🔴	🔵		🔵															
Coordination with community development plans									🔵	🔴		🔵															
Living labs																											
Co-creation support						🔵			🔴	🔴		🔴															
Community engagement for democratic participation						🔵			🔴	🔴		🔴															

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⌄ Integration of libraries into national SDG frameworks

Statement:

Libraries or library activities are explicitly **included in official national documents related to the Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs).

Answer: Yes

Evidence:
Sustainable development strategy 2030 (EN): **PDF Document**
Estrategia Nacional de información y bibliotecas como agentes para la consecución de los objetivos de la Agenda 2030 (ES): **PDF Document**

Comments / Additional information:
Libraries are mentioned in the sustainable development strategy 2030. There is also a working group ""Bibliotecas y Agenda 2030"" in the Consejo de Cooperación Bibliotecaria (**https://www.ccbiblio.es/**) that has proposed a National strategy for information and libraries as agents for the achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

› Libraries as guardians of freedom of expression

› Libraries as places for dialog

› Promoting lifelong learning in libraries

› Resources to ensure adequate training of staff and users

› Safe and inclusive places for all kinds of minorities

What-works database

Real examples of value co-creation in European libraries

Research knowledge base

Over 5.000 publications to support research and practice

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KEY WORDS: Digital competencies; Digital libraries; Digital skills; Management strategy; Pakistan; Systems development

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