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THE IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN THE SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY USARB

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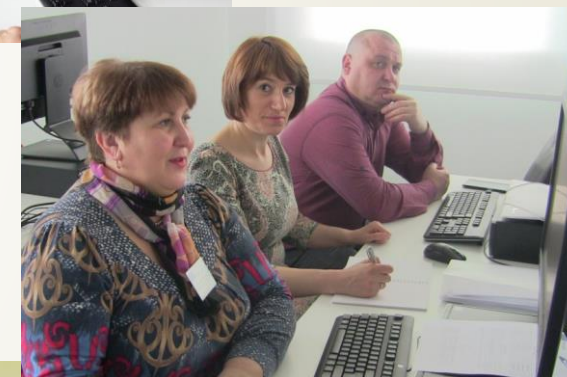
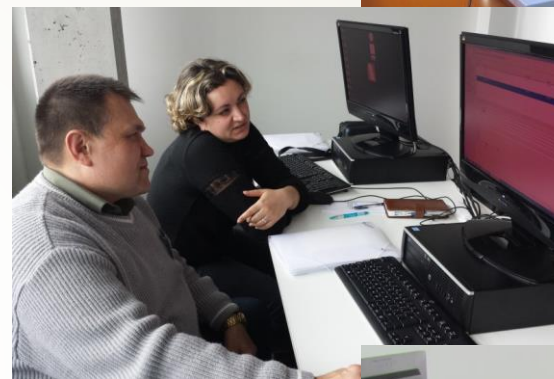
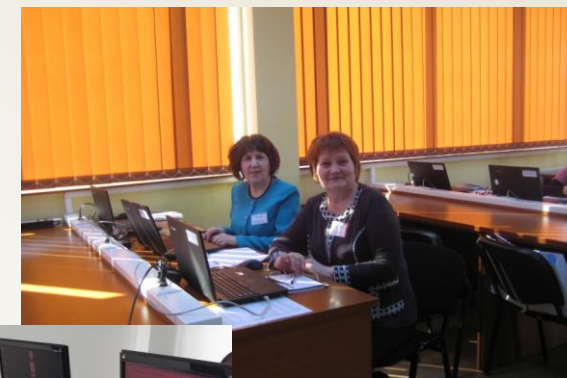
The 21st Century for Scientific Library is of great changes, of the modernization of the profession, because the librarian must be prepared to face the current challenges and quickly integrate as an inherent element of the Information Society.

A university library is not appreciated only by the moment's achievements but also by the immediate projects that bring added value by increasing efficiency in all aspects of informational-librarian activity.



PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

For three years (01/12/2013 - 30/11/2016), the USARB Scientific Library has participated in the Tempus Programme, Modern Information Services Project for Improving the Quality of Studies(MISISQ).Its implementation in the partnership of 7 university libraries in the Republic of Moldova contributed to:





- Creating and maintain the unique academic information space - ALEPH Shared Catalog on the EX LIBRIS PRIMO platform and providing a single search, including databases subscribed by the Consortium libraries;
- Ensuring the functionality of Acquisition, Cataloging and Circulation modules in ALEPH software;
- Development of Institutional Repository Open Research Archive - ORA USARB as a source of information, with great contributions to increasing the visibility of the university in the national and world educational space;
- Implementing new information services to support the study and academic research process ;
- Editing the Curriculum of the Basics of Information Literacy in order to identify, locate and use national and international information resources.

Modernization of academic library services in Moldova

From April 2016 USARB librarians participate in the project "Modernization of academic library services in Moldova", financed by the Norwegian Cooperation Programme in Higher Education with Eurasia, developed in partnership between the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, University of Bergen, Norway, University Transylvania in Brasov, Romania and 18 university libraries in Moldova. The project runs from April 2016 to November 2019.

The goal of this project is Capacity building of the librarians working in academic libraries, and through them of academic staff and students of the higher education institutions.

Within the Project are organized training, workshops, trainings in Chişinău, the ASEM Scientific Library and three summer schools abroad. Along with university librarians in Moldova will be better prepared for the implementation of modern library services. This will influence the quality of higher education and research.





**ERASMUS+ CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
PROJECT (CBNE) Library Network Support Services (LNSS): modernising
libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development
and reforming library services (LNSS)**

Another opportunity to improve the quality of products and services, developing and expanding new skills, communication skills and continuous training to keep up with the new changes is participation in the Project **ERASMUS+ CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION (LNSS)**(Library Network Support Services: modernising libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming libraries [LNSS].

Project period: 36 months (15-10-2015-14-10-2018). The project is implemented with the financial support of the European Union.

THE PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT ARE

FROM THE EASTERN EUROPE:

Partners from the European Union

1. Institute of Technology, Limerick, Ireland
2. University of Crete, Greece
3. The Pyramid Group, Germany
4. Transylvania University of Brasov, Romania

Partners from Eastern Europe

5. Academy of Public Administration of Armenia (PAARA) - coordinator
6. State University of Languages and Social Sciences Brusov, Erevan, Armenia
7. State University of Goris, Armenia
8. Academy of Public Administration of the Republic of Moldova

9. "Alecu Russo" State Balti State University, Republic of Moldova

10. Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus

11. Belarus State University

12. Brest State University of Technology, Belarus

13. "Yanka Kupala" State University in Grodno, Belarus

ASSOCIATE Partners

14. Consortium of Electronic Libraries in Armenia

15. REM Consortium (Electronic Resources for Moldova)

16. The National Library of Belarus



GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:



- **Strengthening and modernization of libraries and improve the competencies and skills of library staff in higher education institutions of Armenia, Moldova and Belarus, by developing innovative libraries to support education and lifelong learning.**
- **Elaboration a library development strategy focused on improving the standards and quality of library performance in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus so as to improve the quality of library and higher education services in general, to increase their relevance for the labor market and in society.**
- **Maintaining a Network Library (LNSS) the Eastern Network for the future dissemination, sustainability and exploitation of project results, both at national level and in the Eastern Partnership region for the sharing of knowledge, experience, training and expertise in the region.**

Specific objectives of the project: Improving the level of knowledge related LNSS Curriculum Modules



- **Module 1: English for Specific Purposes (English Language, Libraries, library terminology, terminology around library access).**
- **Module 2: Marketing skills for Librarians.**
- **Module 3: Essential management and transferrable Skills for librarians and library staff.**
- **Module 4: Information Literacy & Research skills.**
- **Module 5: Innovative online library services for 21st Century Librarians.**
- **Module 6: The Electronic Library.**
- **Module 7: Access to Libraries and Society for learners with special needs/disabilities.**
- **Module 8: Library Collection Development Policies.**



Project development and sustainability. Or what is a sustainable university library according to the project?



- In The Chronicle of Higher Education (Oct. 20, 2006) an answer has been given from an understanding of sustainability as the ability of institutions to meet the needs of future generations.
- From the point of view of the Network Library Project (LNSS), it will meet the conditions of sustainability: information, exchange of experience, training and consultancy in the field of sustainable development, technical assistance, facilitation of LNSS process, access to and participation in the sustainable development process at national level and international. The Network Library (LNSS) for the Scientific Library is:





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- **A new way to plan and realize the development and quality of library services;**
- **Clear picture of modernizing the library and improving the skills and abilities of library staff;**
- **Local solutions to realize the modules ;**
- **A multimodular diagnosis;**
- **An action plan oriented towards sustainable development.**

Project development and sustainability. Or what is a sustainable university library according to the project?



- ➡ **Libraries are currently analyzing the situation and define the goals and contents of how they are responsible. The sustainability of the modules implies the complex approach of the subjects, the problems faced by a library, namely the adoption of integrated policies for solving the environmental, economic and social problems.**

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES



The project will develop a new product of 9 Eastern European University Libraries on sustainable management, the realization of the sustainable Network Library vision, the long-term development objectives, the definition of policies, strategic plans and development actions. Thus, the focus is on strengthening the local capacities of each librarian institution.

The project focuses on modular continuing professional training of librarians, courses for library staff working in partner countries targeting staff at all levels - both managers and other librarians, offers a number of organizational and content advantages, ensuring consistency in the training process, allows to go with small steps for great purposes, consecutiveness, content links, select from multiple options, for those interested in modular training. To this end, working groups with European international support and expertise have been set up to implement the modules.





We mention some activities from 2016 and 2017:

1. Inauguration of the Network Library Project (LNSS) in Brasov, Romania - March, 2016. From this moment the project is associated with the existence of a need within each partner university library, and at the same time it is a new response and a new vision of creation and maintenance of a Network Support Services in Eastern Partnership Countries "Network Library", which would transform the libraries from the institutions involved in the project into some modern, relevant and accessible ones.
2. The opportunity for the participation of 33 Balti university librarians in English for Specific Purposes training on April 4-5, 2016, which included the study of 5 curriculum modules: Module 1: English for Specific purposes (Libraries, library terminology and library access); Marketing skills for librarians: Theory and practice; Essential management and transferable skills for library staff (such as IFLA, ISO, Congress Library, NISO; Information and cultivation of user research skills); Information literacy and research skills; Innovative online library services for 21st century librarians; The Electronic Library; Access to libraries and society for learners with special needs/disabilities; Library Collection Development Policies.





3. Activities carried out within the Training from August 22 to September 2, 2016 in Limerick, Ireland. During the training, the Moldovan team participated in the elaboration of the Marketing Strategy Project: National Awareness Day (National Public Awareness Day on the role of the library in society); SWOT analysis of the university library and the National Awareness Day on the role of the library in society; Initiating the project Curriculum of a librarian training module, the USARB Scientific Library being responsible for Module 8. Library Collection Development Policy, visiting the University Library of the Limerick Institute of Technology and the Limerick School of Art and Design.



4. On December 16, 2016, the director of the USARB Scientific Library attended the project monitoring session “Library Network Support Services” (LNSS): modernising libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming library services (LNSS), implemented within the program Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) (2015-2018) with scientific paper : LNSS - Erasmus+ Project : achievements and impact, specifying the implementation of some aspects of the work packages of the International Project in which USARB Scientific Library participates



5. Year 2017 began with the development and presentation of Module No.8 Curriculum, considered the core of any change in the library, linked to the most advanced options in European countries. Pilot Training Module No. 8 "Library Collection Development Policies" was held on February 10, 2017 and were attended by 21 university librarians who understood the value of libraries collections and the need to develop a Collection Development Policy in the times of crisis that we are going through.



6. The list of goods purchased from Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) project „Library Network Support Services (LNSS): modernising libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming library services (LNSS), project nr 561633-EPP-1-2015-1-AM-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

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Interactive White Board DB-0678 InfraRed	buc.	1	23,793,00	1 098
DLP WXGA Projector 3300 Lum, 13000:1 B	buc.	1	12 599,00	581,00
Projector Mount Redleaf „C-2” Universal Blac	buc.	1	577,00	27,00
Presenter Logitech R400	buc.	1	1 532,00	71,00
DELL Inspiron 15 5000Black(5559),15,6”H”	buc.	1	12 221,00	563,00
MFP Canon iR C1225iF	buc.	1	16 709,00	771,00
Electrical 220x220cm Sopar NEW GOLD 1:1	buc.	1	4 813,00	222,00
Copier/printer/Scan Canon IR2520,Duplex,A3/15 ppm,A4/20ppm, 256Mb, Ethernet(100 Base-TX/10 Base-T, USB2.0	buc	1	22 632,00	1 044
Cable HDMI to HDMI10.0m APC Electronic, High quality V 1.4	buc.	1	257,00	12,00
Cable VGA Coaxial 3+4 HDB 15V/ZDB 15M,CP6009-B-10m, dual shield, 10M	buc.	1	209,00	10,00
Toner Canon 034 Cyan+Chip	buc.	1	860,00	41,00
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Toner Canon 034 Yellow+Chip	buc	1	860,00	41,00
Toner Canon 034 Black+Chip	buc.	1	860,00	41,00
Mouse Logitech M171 Wireless Blue	buc.	1	300,00	14,00
Speakers SVEN „SPS-619” Black, 20w	buc.	1	565,00	26,00
Total			99 647,00	4 597,00



SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT IS GUARANTEED



- The Management of the Scientific Library is conditional on the ability to implement the 8 Project Modules, compatible with international milestones.
- The Scientific Library is open to the academic and library community, participates in updating knowledge to modernize library services and products, to support education, research, thus increasing its impact on the community.
- The project is exploited by university librarians and promoted through direct activities, through information and dissemination materials on the website of the Scientific Library and on the project website of the coordinator - the Academy of Public Administration of the Republic of Armenia (PAARA), on the social networks, through studies and dissemination of best practices.
- The modules proposed by the Project will be developed and disseminated to all colleagues. We will promote and implement new methods of professional training, lifelong learning, modernizing occupational skills and knowledge. The librarian community will be more prepared to change the internal and external environment, implementing strategic programs of continuous professional training, taking advantage of the facilities offered by modern technologies.



THANK YOU!

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