Advancing Digital Empowerment of Libraries in Europe

Case studies template
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Introduction

This document provides the template for the development of the Case Studies on digital transformation in libraries.

The ADELE project aims to contribute to the internationalisation of organisations that choose a path of digital transformation. Through the network they can connect, collaborate, compare, and exchange ideas with organisations across Europe and beyond.

The 100 case studies are aimed at initiating the digital transformation of libraries and inspiring libraries that want to improve their performance on certain areas of the tool.

The areas of the ADELE tool cover the use of digital technologies in libraries from different perspectives: management, infrastructure and equipment but also lifelong learning, users training opportunities and community and stakeholders involvement.

The case studies may be linked to an activity, a service, a new professional profile, an initiative, a place or a library infrastructure in line with the areas and the statements of the ADELE tool. We aim to create a database of good practices to foster innovation and the adoption of digital practices in the library.

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Library presenting the case study (Name, city, website and contact details)	Novi Sad City Library Website: www.gbns.rs General e-mail: gradskabibliotekans@gmail.com Contact e-mail: bojana.grujic3@gmail.com
Title of the case study	Native Open
Area of ADELE tool illustrated by the case study *Please underline the selected area*	□ Management x Infrastructure, Equipment and Support □ Continuing Professional Development □ Self-reflection on digital competences □ Learning opportunities on digital competences for users □ Collaboration, Networking, and Community
Description of the experience: aim, methods and outcomes	Although in use for well over 15 years, Rescarta platform for open access repositories and digital content still proves to be the easiest solution for libraries to present their valuable collection to the public. Not only is this software cost effective in that it is free of charge and doesn't require expensive development and maintenance, it has been a battle proven through use in some of the largest cultural institutions in the world. After overcoming several challenges (shortage of qualified personnel and available funds), Novi Sad City Library is finally ready to make use of the software's advantages and present its rich collections to the public. The aim of this process is to preserve, publicly present and encourage further research of historical books, documents and other materials kept in Novi Sad City Library repositories. To achieve this, the Library will allocate its resources toward acquiring appropriate equipment and personnel who will have knowledge and time to install the infrastructure needed and continuously digitize selected material, to propagate it through media and at schools and universities, public exhibitions and lectures. Since setting up The Digital Library, the number of user queries (measured by server metric) have multiplied. Preservation of physical collections for future generations is assured since those queries can now be met with digitized material, directly or through the Rescarta platform. Digital Novi Sad City Library is available on: http://109.92.179.162/ResCarta-Web/
Resources needed to implement the idea Please, provide any link and/or send them in attachment	- Librarians of Novi Sad City Library; - Technical equipment (computers, servers, scanners…) and software - Material used to promote the Digital Library on social media, exhibitions and lectures https://www.gbns.rs/ https://www.facebook.com/GradskaBibliotekaNoviSad https://www.instagram.com/gradskabibliotekanovisad/ https://www.youtube.com/@GradskaBibliotekaNoviSad https://www.instagram.com/gbns.zavicajna/
	Local and wider community, students and researchers

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Target groups	
Elements of innovation	This process emerged from the need to preserve and present local and national historical collections. The lack of resources drove us to open source software which proved to be equally efficient as any much more expansive solution.
Tips to other library staff using this idea	- Investigate and discuss solutions which are widely used, especially if they are free. - Apply for a government grant if possible to minimize strain on library resources.
Keywords	#digitalibrary #digitization
References	http://109.92.179.162/ResCarta-Web/jsp/RcWebBrowseCollections.jsp https://www.gbns.rs/ https://www.facebook.com/GradskaBibliotekaNoviSad https://www.instagram.com/gradskabibliotekanovisad/ https://www.youtube.com/@GradskaBibliotekaNoviSad https://www.instagram.com/gbns.zavicajna/