



The Portuguese Public Libraries Network Programme

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ABRANTES

The Portuguese Public Libraries Programme

- 1987
 - Establishment and beginning of the Programme.
- 2010
 - 308 Municipalities → 261 Municipalities (85% of the country's municipalities; Azores and Madeira included).
 - 186 public libraries opened to the public.

Partnership between Central and Local Administration

- Central Administration
 - Ministry of Culture – DGLB (Directorate-General for Books and Libraries)
 - Expertise and financial support
- Local Administration
 - Municipalities
 - Libraries owners and management

Standard Programmes

- Municipal library type 1
 - Small councils < 20.000 inhabitants
- Municipal library type 2
 - Medium-sized councils >20.000 <50.000 inhabitants
- Municipal library type 3
 - Large councils > 50.000 inhabitants
- Azores – specific programme
- Special situations
 - Large urban areas: Lisbon, Oporto, Braga and Coimbra.
 - Évora (Public Library of Évora)



ESPOSENDE



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Funding

- The DGLB financial supports goes to 50% of the total cost including:
 - Cost of the building project.
 - Building costs.
 - Acquisition of furniture and specific equipment.
 - Acquisition of the starting collection.
 - ICT.

Funding

- Total DGLB investment
 - 103 million euro (under contract)
- DGLB investment (spent until now)
 - 79 million euro

Developing resources and services

<http://rcbp.dglb.pt>

Website to provide services to public libraries and general public:

- Information concerning RNBP libraries: contacts, activities and photographs.
- Collective catalogue of library local resources.
- Repository of bibliographical records.
- Documentation on the public libraries sector.
- Public libraries websites, produced and updated by the municipalities.

National Reading Promotion Programme

- Aims to create and consolidate reading habits among the Portuguese, with particular focus on children and young people.
- The programme organises projects and special activities to promote reading at public libraries (596 activities in 2009).



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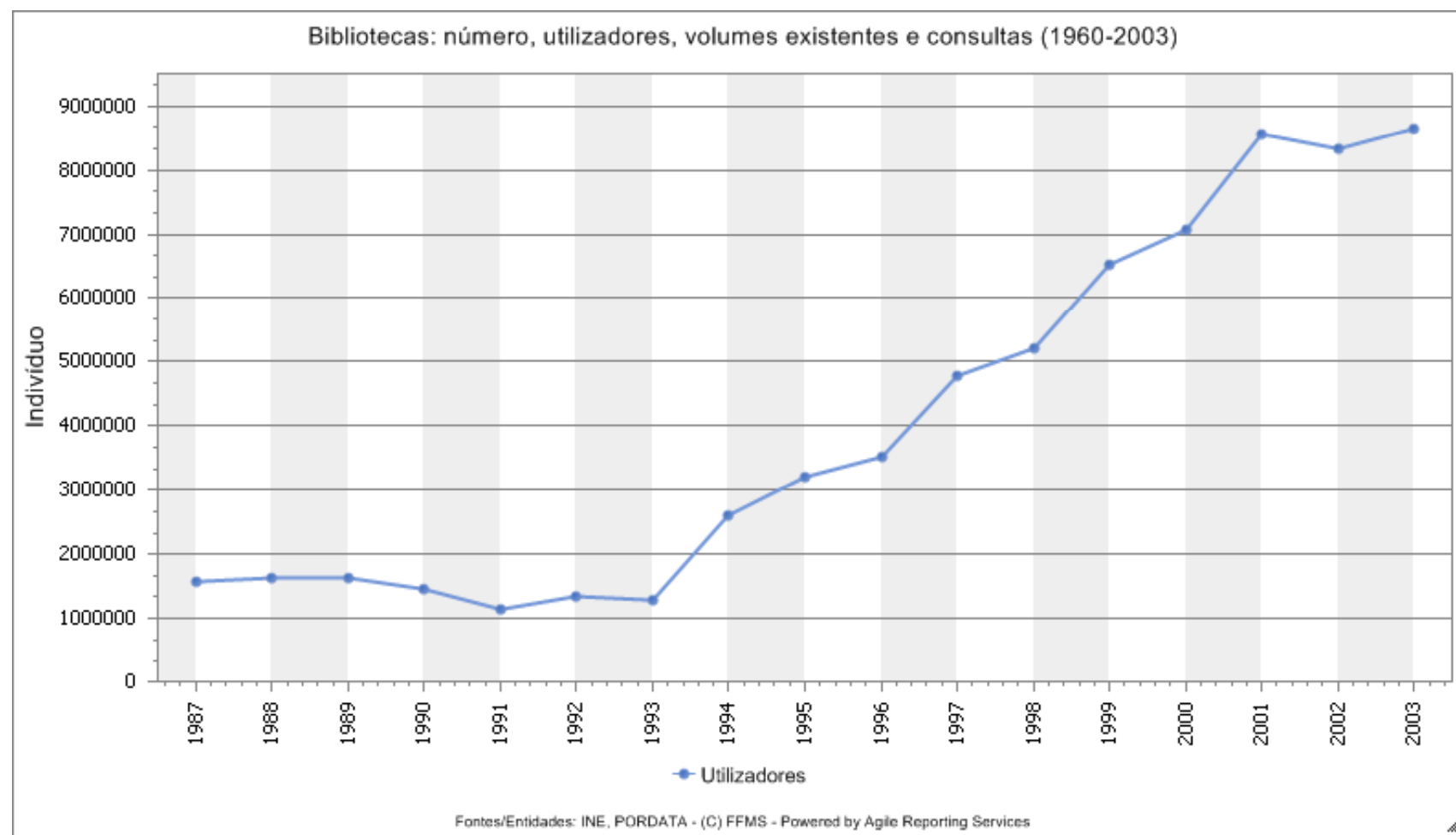
Drawbacks of the Programme

- Investment reduction: central and local administrations.
- Lack of legislation and specific control on contract obligations.
- No tools available to force monitoring libraries after they are opened to the public.
- There are some Municipalities with Libraries outside the network.

Programme's Achievements

- Democratization landmark.
- Support modernization.
- Social impact on small cities.
- Tool for IT penetration.
- Citizenship central point.

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Short and Medium Term Goals

- Library Act
 - Legislation on public library sector.
- Support to the creation of new libraries (goal - every each municipality with a library service).
- Support to the creation of library branches.
- Participation in new projects (e.g. statistical data on public library recourses and services).
- Developing resources and services to libraries and public in general.
- Develop and promote a stronger network between libraries (1st step – public; further steps soon available).

21st Century Library Framework

- Quality oriented service.
- Free Citizenship point.
- Networking promotes sharing.
- “Knowledge is fun”.
- New services, new responsibilities.



Thank you!
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