

NAPLE SISTER LIBRARIES

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NAPLE Sister Libraries is a cooperation programme for public libraries situated in any of the participating NAPLE countries/regions that wish to find a partner or sister library in another country. The coordinator of the programme is NAPLE Secretariat

GENERAL FIGURES (data as of 16 April 2014)

13 countries/regions (incorporation of Greece)

32 sisterships working (5 new sisterships since May 2013)

78 libraries participating. Last incorporations, Public Library in Kutina (Croatia) and Lower Silesian Public Library "Thaddeus Mikulski" (Poland)

10 New incorporations:

1 Czech Republic 1 Greece

1 Scotland 1 Ireland

4 Spain **1 Croatia (14/04/2014)**

1 Poland (02/04/2014)

LIBRARIES PARTICIPATING	
COUNTRY	NUMBER OF SISTER LIBRARIES
Belgium	2
Croatia	15
Czech Republic	2
Finland	7
Greece	1
Ireland	1
Lithuania	4
Poland	6
Portugal	6
Romania	2
Scotland	2
Slovenia	3
Spain	27
TOTAL	78

MOST RELEVANT ACTIVITIES: main examples from these months

1. Lifelong Learning Programme (European Commission). Grundtvig Subprogram
 - 1.1 "Library, I love it" Project
 - 1.2 Library Interchanges
2. European Voluntary Service (EVS)
3. NAPLE Sister Libraries Day
4. New Interviews
5. Twitter account

1. Lifelong Learning Programme (European Commission). Grundtvig Subprogram

The Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) was designed to enable people, at any stage of their life, to take part in stimulating learning experiences, as well as developing education and training across Europe.

With a budget of nearly €7 billion, the programme, which ran from 2007-2013, funded a range of exchanges, study visits, and networking activities.

The activities of LLP continue under the new Erasmus+ programme from 2014-2020.

Subprograms: Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig Jean Monet, Leonardo Da Vinci

Some Sister Libraries have applied to grants through the Grundtvig Subprogram (focused on the teaching and study needs of adult learners, as well as developing the adult learning sector in general) to develop different projects:

1.1 “Library, I love it” Project ([link](#))

Funded by CE through the Lifelong Learning Programme Municipal Public Library in Piekary Slaskie signed in with some of its sister libraries and other partners as well and developed the “Library, I love it” Project.

The focus of the project is to expose the role of contemporary libraries in the life of local European communities as vital centers of lifelong learning. Its aim is the development and acquirement of competencies by the participants, which, used in further work, will cause personal, social and professional growth.

The project lasts from 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2015 and is funded by the **European Commission** through **Lifelong Learning Programme**.

The total amount of funds allocated to the project is 129.700 euros.

1.2. Library Interchanges ([link](#))

Libraries Fran Galovic (Croatia) and Sastamala (Finland) applied and got Grundtvig funds for their collaboration. Kaisa from Finland spent 3 months at her sister library in Croatia.

2. **EVS PROGRAM.** The Municipal Public Library in Piekary Slaskie

European Voluntary Service (EVS) is the European Commission’s programme (currently in the frame of Erasmus+) that allows a young person (18–30 years) to become a volunteer in another country for a specified period, normally between 2–12 months”.

The aim of the European Voluntary Service is to support young people's participation in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union. Under this Action, young people take part individually or in groups in non-profit, unpaid activities.

An EVS project involves a triangular partnership: a volunteer, a sending organisation and a host organisation.

Municipal Public Library in Piekary Slaskie became a coordinating organization in January 2013, registered with the code 2012-PL-175 and has hosted four volunteers, two from Spain, one from Ukraine and another one from Denmark.

3. NAPLE SISTER LIBRARIES DAY ([link](#))

Proposed by Aleksandra Zawalska-Hawe, from the Municipal Public Library in Piekary Slaskie (Poland).

NAPLE Sister Libraries celebrated NAPLE Sister Libraries Day last 13 September. The idea is to make it an annual celebration and this first year it had the slogan Reading is Fashionable!

The NAPLE sister libraries participating designed one or more special postcards this year's slogan for the occasion, including various messages in a combination of English and the local language of each library.

An example of what we can do to catch attention of the citizens, to come close to their needs

4. NEW INTERVIEWS ([link](#))

Librarians from Finland, Croatia, Slovenia, Belgium and Portugal

Former ones were: Poland, Spain, Lithuania.

The interviews are very useful for knowing first hand how are other libraries working in a daily basis, to know the projects they're involved in and maybe start a communication or ask something punctual about certain activity.

We'd like to ask you to disseminate these interviews through your social networks, because we believe they are a very useful tool for trying to engage new libraries or make the sister libraries to create new sisterships.

5. TWITTER ACCOUNT

We maintain a Twitter account, where we disseminate relevant information concerning the Sister Libraries project: we give publicity to the libraries that haven't got yet a sister, information about the program, about the interviews, ask for new members, etc.

Statistics are:

Tweets: 3 133

Following: 837

Followers: 354