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Why eIFL?

- ❑ Access to information is essential for education and research, the economy, institutional and personal development
- ❑ The empowerment of citizens depends on equal access to information worldwide
- ❑ Financial, technological, legal, political barriers hinder this access

  eIFL.net's mission is to lower these barriers for libraries and their users in poor, developing and transition countries

Who is eIFL.net?

❑ eIFL.net is a not-for-profit organisation legally registered in the Netherlands with an office in Italy

❑ eIFL.net members elect an Advisory Board

❑ a global coalition of 50 national library consortia in transition and developing countries

❑ a global knowledge sharing network in East and West, North and South

eIFL.net member consortia in Europe

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Estonia
Kosovo
Latvia
Lithuania
Macedonia
Moldova
Poland
Russia

Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Ukraine

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eIFL.net programs

1. **Licensing** electronic commercial content
2. Building sustainable library **consortia**
3. Supporting the creation of **institutional repositories'**
4. Awareness raising in **Open Access**
5. Building capacity in **Intellectual Property**
6. Assisting implementation of **IT and OSS**
7. Partnerships **-** TEMPUS, Google, SPARC

Institutional Repositories

❑ eIFL.net has from the beginning aimed to be a conduit for electronic content produced within eIFL countries

❑ Assistance with the selection of IT tools and technical help and support to build IR

❑ Awareness raising, training, technical workshops

❑ Creation of an eIFL 'sub' network of IR specialists

❑ Sponsored participation in international events

❑ Knowledge sharing with input from resource persons from US and Europe

❑ Promotion of DOAR, best practice, standards

Institutional Repositories - some examples

❑ Bulgaria
 ❑ UL setting up e-prints repository
 ❑ Technical workshop for the region
❑ Poland
 ❑ 9 regional digital libraries, 100 libraries deposit content in DR; OSS developed in Poznan
 ❑ Polish Consortium of Digital Libraries
 ❑ active advocacy on IR and OA
 ❑ seminars on OA and IR (Cracow; and Poznan 21-22.9.2006)
❑ Sponsoring participants to the SPARC/LIBER conf.

Open access

❑ Partnership with OAI to facilitate and support publication of authors from eIFL countries in alternative and OA journals

❑ Promotion of Open Access journals (DOAJ)

❑ Awareness raising workshops (Ukraine, Lithuania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Russia) about principles and business models

❑ Advocacy about the importance of OA with national research funding bodies and policy makers

❑ Close collaboration with SPARC

Open access - some examples

❑ Bulgaria
- ❑ workshop on open access resources
- ❑ promotion of DOAJ on consortium website

❑ Slovenia
- ❑ awareness raising in conferences and meetings, presentations of statements (JISC)
- ❑ OA Scholarly Communications workshop covering OA/IR issues

❑ Poland OA eBIB Electronic Bulletin for Librarians

Intellectual property

❑ Creation of a network of experts in all eIFL countries

❑ Series of regional awareness raising and training workshops (support from UNESCO)

❑ eIFL accreditation and participation in international fora - such as WSIS and WIPO

❑ eIFL.net statements and advocacy on behalf of developing and transition countries regarding digital rights aimed at Fair Use for all members - for example to EU on scientific publishing, digital libraries, database directive....

❑ Frankfurt Group research project re VAT on e-resources in cooperation with LIBER

❑ eIFL.net very active in the A2K movement

Intellectual property - some examples

❑ Slovenia
   ❑ created National Copyright Strategy Plan
   ❑ workshops on 'digitisation and IPR' (June '06), IPR
   in the digital environment (November '06)
❑ Estonia: eIFL Europe workshop Tallin December 2005
❑ Slovakia: eIFL IP person participates in WIPO meeting
❑ Poland and Lithuania in EBLIDA meeting on copyright
❑ Kiev regional IP workshop for non-EU countries
❑ Latvia: going to work with MinCult Copyright ... Division

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Information technology and OSS (new)

❑ Survey of Open Source Software for library applications
❑ OSS advocacy program
  ❑ pilot implementations
  ❑ localisation of OSS tools
  ❑ train a group of 'e-riders'
  ❑ awareness raising amongst eIFL members
  ❑ 'enthusing' the development community
❑ OSS tools for e-community building
  ❑ 'from consumer to producer'
  ❑ training (blog, wiki, etc)
  ❑ implementation of tools on eIFL website
❑ Negotiations for portal and journal management s/w

Partnerships

❑ Cooperation with Google Scholar to
   ❑ link up union catalogues (Slovenia; Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Poland working on it)
   ❑ implement Google SFX link resolver (Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Slovakia, ...)
   ❑ digitize local journals - very new initiative
❑ Memorandum of Understanding with SPARC
❑ TEMPUS JEP projects to modernize university libraries
   ❑ Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Macedonia, Moldova, Ukraine (proposal stage)
❑ LIBER members interested in international cooperation?

Thank you for listening
Questions?

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