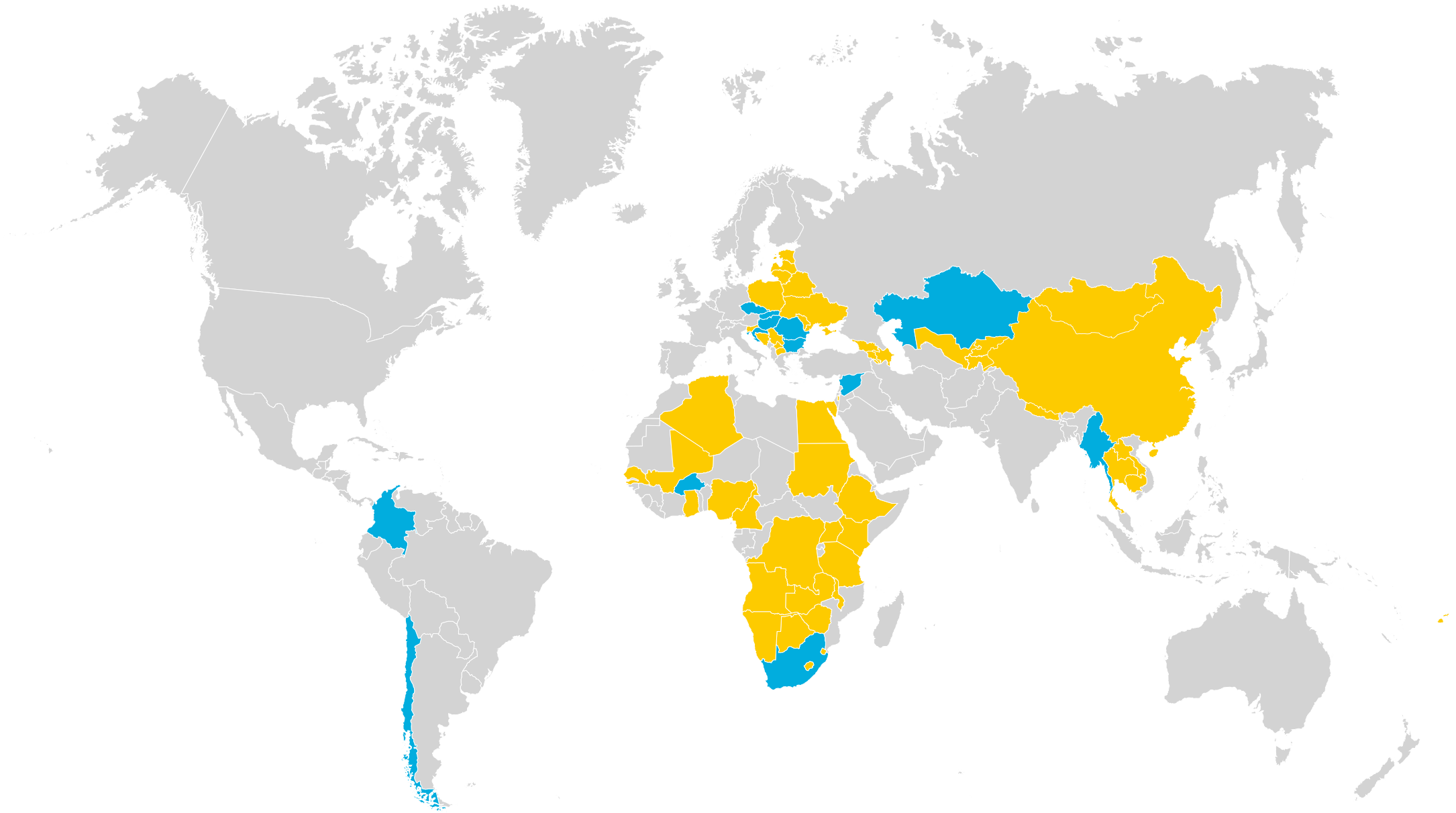# KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

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WHERE WE WORK
In 2015, EIFL worked in partnership with library consortia in 47 countries and ran projects in an additional 13 countries.

- **PARTNER COUNTRIES** are countries where we have a formal agreement with the national library consortium. EIFL partner consortia work with all EIFL programmes.
- **PROJECT COUNTRIES** are countries in which we work with libraries on specific projects.

WHERE WE WORK

EIFL works in collaboration with libraries in 60 developing and transitional countries.

AFRICA Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
ASIA PACIFIC Cambodia, China, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Uzbekistan **EUROPE** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine **LATIN AMERICA** Chile, Colombia **MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA** Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, Sudan, Syria

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Cover Photo: Students from the University of Yangon learn how to use online resources made available through the EIFL e-Library Myanmar project. *Photo by Rubén Salgado Escudero for EIFL.*

"OUR VISION IS A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

Zagreb City Libraries in Croatia teaches homeless people computer and job-seeking skills, helping them into employment. The library's service for the homeless was supported by the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme. *Photo by Vlado Cvirn for EIFL.*

WHO WE ARE

EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) is an international not-for-profit organization that works with libraries in developing and transition countries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development.

THE CHALLENGE

Access to knowledge is fundamental to education and research. It can break the cycle of poverty, improve employability and health, and promote sustainable development.

However, billions of people in developing and transition economy countries cannot benefit from the new opportunities knowledge provides due to factors such as the high cost of e-resources, legal barriers to accessing and using information, and poor telecommunications infrastructure.

OUR VISION

A world in which every person has the knowledge they need to achieve their full potential.

OUR MISSION

EIFL enables access to knowledge through libraries in developing and transition economy countries to support sustainable development.

OUR VALUES

EIFL embraces the following core values:

- Practical, sustainable, local solutions
- Collaboration and partnership
- Knowledge sharing
- Innovative approaches

WHAT WE DO

- We build capacity by organizing training events, developing tools and resources, and providing up-to-date information on issues that affect access to knowledge.
- We advocate for access to knowledge nationally and internationally.
- We encourage knowledge sharing through peer-to-peer learning, best practice case studies, our annual conference, and cooperation between library consortia.
- We initiate pilot projects for innovative library services.

OUR APPROACH

EIFL works to expand access to knowledge in a cost effective and sustainable way by supporting the establishment and development of strong national library consortia.

Over the last 16 years, library consortia in 47 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, representing more than 2,300 libraries, have joined the EIFL network.

OUR CORE INITIATIVES

- **Access to Knowledge for Education, Learning and Research** – ensuring well-resourced libraries, modern information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and skilled staff to provide essential support to students and researchers.
- **Access to Knowledge for Sustainable Livelihoods** – helping to transform people's lives through innovative services in public libraries.

OUR PROGRAMMES

Licensing Programme (EIFL-Licensing)
Negotiates affordable access to commercial e-resources, promotes awareness, and encourages usage.

Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP)
Advocates for national and international copyright law reform, and supports librarians to become advocates for a fair copyright system.

Open Access Programme (EIFL-OA)
Removes barriers to knowledge sharing by advocating for the adoption of open access (OA) policies and mandates, and by building the capacity to launch and sustain OA repositories and journals.

Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP)
Advances community development by enabling public libraries to implement innovative ideas that use technology to improve people's lives and livelihoods.

Farmers in remote rural areas of Uganda are learning to find agricultural information online through a project supported by the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme. *Photo by Elaisha Stokes for EIFL.*

IN 2015, EIFL REACHED

OVER
9,000,000
PEOPLE

OVER 2,300
LIBRARIES

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2015 was an exciting and fruitful year. We saw public access to information and universal internet access included in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was adopted by world leaders in September. In November, at its 10th annual meeting in Brazil, the influential Internet Governance Forum expressed support for libraries as centres for public internet access.

These developments show that EIFL's mission is important. They are encouraging for all our programmes, which work to reduce barriers of access to information and knowledge in developing and transition economy countries.

During the year, the EIFL Public Library innovation Programme built the ICT skills of public librarians in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda. The newly-trained librarians then went on to train community members to use computers and the internet, helping them to find information online.

Through the EIFL Open Access Programme we were able to unlock unique research and knowledge generated in developing and transition economy countries by supporting the launch of over 100 new open access repositories.

Support by the EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme led to ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty in Mongolia – bringing us closer to ending the 'book famine' (the lack of access to published in-copyright works) for blind and visually impaired people everywhere.

During the year, the number of agreements that the EIFL Licensing Programme negotiated with commercial publishers grew to 57, allowing us to offer access to more journals, e-books, reference works and databases at affordable prices through EIFL partner library consortia.

In this report we share with you stories from some of the many people who have benefited from our work.

Thank you to everyone who makes our work possible: our partners and funders; our board members, and our enthusiastic and committed staff.

I look forward to continuing our contribution to a world in which all people have the knowledge they need to achieve their full potential.

Rima Kuprytė, Director of EIFL

MEET THE PEOPLE

Using knowledge to change their lives and the lives of others

PROFESSOR DR THIDA WIN

RECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF MANDALAY

MYANMAR

The vision of University of Mandalay, where Professor Dr Thida Win serves as Rector, is to strive to become the leading research university in Myanmar.

This is no small task in a country that has very recently begun opening up to the outside world after decades of isolation – and is one reason why Professor Dr Win has embraced the concept of open access, which enables immediate, unrestricted and free online access to peer-reviewed research.

In 2015, EIFL introduced the concept of open access to the university through a series of workshops. The university formed an open access working group whose first steps were to draft an open access policy and to set in motion processes for development of an open access repository.

"Open access is essential for us to achieve the university's vision," said Professor Dr Win. "We need access to up to date scientific publications, and to be able to make our research visible and available to scientists and researchers in Myanmar and the international community."

The repository will enable access to articles, books and monographs, conference proceedings, research reports, and final copies of theses and dissertations.

IN 2015: Over 10,200 people were trained in open access topics across the EIFL network.

"The open access repository will enable our university and researchers to establish new international and national research partnerships."

– **PROFESSOR DR THIDA WIN**

> "I still visit the library and ask for help when I need support with my computer studies."
>
> – **LUKA MILOSEVIC**

LUKA MILOSEVIC

STUDENT

BELGRADE, SERBIA

Luka Milosevic is 19 years old and in the first year of a programming engineering course at a college in Belgrade, Serbia.

Luka has always had a special interest in computer coding and was looking forward to his coding classes at school. However, his school had very little equipment for practical work, and so Luka found the classes uninspiring and was considering a future career in linguistics.

When Luka heard that his local library, Public Library 'Dusan Matic' in Cuprija, was offering practical computer coding and robotics workshops, he was quick to sign up.

The library's Biblioteka++ project, started with support from EIFL, aimed to teach basic and advanced coding skills and encourage young people to take up careers in computer coding. To do this, the library organized practical extra-mural coding classes in the library and at schools.

Luka found the practical application of technology inspiring, especially building robots and writing computer code to make them move. Once he'd learnt robotics, he progressed to learning the C++ programming language.

"Programming is a good career choice and in the future I hope to study to doctorate level," he said.

IN 2015: Over 6,800 children and youth learnt new skills and knowledge through public library projects supported by EIFL.

BARBARA SZCZEPANSKA

LIBRARIAN

WARSAW, POLAND

Barbara Szczepanska is passionate about modernizing copyright law so that libraries are better able to serve people's information needs. Therefore she has willingly given her time to managing an EIFL project supporting reform of Poland's copyright law.

Barbara was at the forefront in ensuring that the interests of libraries and library users were fully represented in the law review process. This work bore fruit in November 2015 when the new Polish Copyright Act was adopted.

The new law enables libraries to digitize material for socially beneficial purposes, such as education. "In the past researchers put pressure on librarians to digitize materials to support their teaching, and librarians were not certain that what they were doing was right," said Barbara.

"The new law also means that libraries can now digitize content for virtual learning environments, and place it in closed networks for use by students, researchers and teachers. This is a fantastic provision that makes distance education possible. Now I am travelling across the country, training librarians so that they understand the new law and how it has expanded access to knowledge," she said.

IN 2015: Over 3,300 people were trained in copyright related topics across the EIFL network.

"The new law gives librarians certainty, and the security that what they are doing is now legal."

– **BARBARA SZCZEPANSKA**

DR ATOM MKHITARYAN

> "The new repository elevates Armenian science by making it visible to researchers in Armenia and other countries."
>
> – **DR ATOM MKHITARYAN**

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR
YEREVAN, ARMENIA

Dr Atom Mkhitaryan coordinates the work of the Supreme Certifying Commission (SCC) of Armenia, the body that awards PhD and Doctor of Sciences degrees in Armenia.

To award degrees, the SCC must review all new theses and dissertations. The first step, Dr Mkhitaryan explains, is to delve into a database of over 18,000 dissertations to check for prior research. The process is slow because most of the dissertations are only available on paper, and – with new dissertations coming in at about 600 a year – there is intense pressure on SCC staff.

So the SCC welcomed the opportunity to take part in an EIFL-funded project that, in 2015, led to the launch of the country's first national open access repository of electronic theses and dissertations.

"The value of the repository is incalculable. It speeds up our work, because we are now able to review dissertations online. Also, researchers will more easily be able to find prior work in their subject areas," said Dr Mkhitaryan.

From 2016, all new theses and dissertations will be deposited in the repository, which is managed by the National Library of Armenia.

IN 2015: Over 100 new open access repositories were launched in the EIFL network.

COBAC

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Meet COBAC – the Bibliothèques Académiques du Congo – the newest member of EIFL's global network of 47 library consortia.
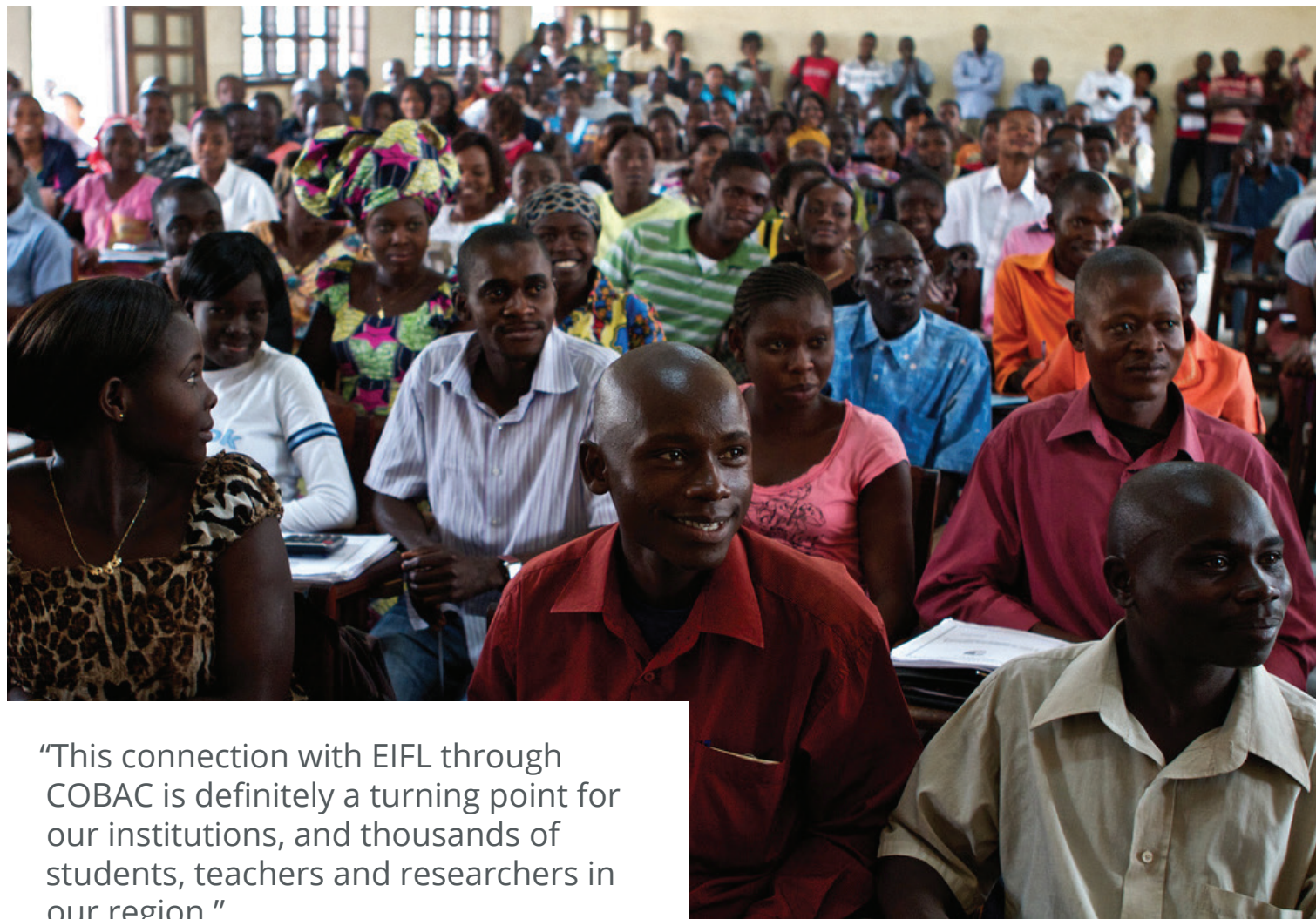
COBAC was launched in June 2015 after two years of consultation with the EIFL team and support from other EIFL partner library consortia. The new consortium represents 16 university and college libraries from Ituri District and North Kivu region of DRC.

One of the first decisions of the new COBAC Board was to join the EIFL network. This means that COBAC's member libraries can take advantage of special agreements EIFL has negotiated with over 20 publishers.

The agreements provide EIFL partner consortia access – free or at substantially reduced prices – to 57 high-quality commercial e-resources. The e-resources include e-journals, e-books, reference works and aggregated databases covering a broad range of subject areas, all of which are essential for research and education.

"We have been waiting for this opportunity for a very long time. The new e-resources mark the beginning of a new era for research in our country," said Professor Bungishabaku Katho, President, Shalom University of Bunia.

IN 2015: Students and researchers downloaded more than 5 million full-text journal articles and e-book chapters across the EIFL network.

"This connection with EIFL through COBAC is definitely a turning point for our institutions, and thousands of students, teachers and researchers in our region."

– PROFESSOR BUNGISHABAKU KATHO

"The Marrakesh Treaty has opened the doors of learning for blind and visually impaired people in Mongolia."

– M. TSENGEL

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ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY EXPERT
ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

Tsengel manages Ulaanbaatar Public Library's accessible publication service, which converts books from print into digital accessible formats for blind and visually impaired people. However, restrictive copyright laws hinder the library's efforts to provide knowledge for Mongolia's 16,500 blind and visually impaired people.

In 2014/15, with support from EIFL, the Mongolian Libraries Consortium, in partnership with the Mongolian Federation of the Blind, led a campaign for ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty. The treaty creates an international legal framework that allows creation of accessible versions of copyrighted works and makes it possible to share them across borders.

On 23 September 2015, Mongolia became the 10th country to ratify the treaty. Once the treaty enters into force globally and its provisions are incorporated in Mongolia's copyright law, libraries can immediately start to provide accessible format copies, and obtain material from other countries.

Tsengel can't wait for that day: "Before we had to cut out parts of the text for copyright reasons. It's very exciting to know that in future we'll be able to produce whole books in accessible formats."

IN 2015: EIFL supported Marrakesh Treaty ratification campaigns in four EIFL partner countries.

GEORGE EBO BROWN

TEACHER
WESTERN REGION, GHANA

George Ebo Brown loves teaching children: "Children are the future leaders. We really need to invest in children through their education," he says. However, like thousands of information and communication technology (ICT) teachers at poor and rural schools in Ghana, he struggles to teach his subject.

"Here, at Archbishop Amissah Junior High School we do not have computers or internet. Therefore, we normally teach ICT in the abstract, using only the blackboard. The children do not understand and many fail their ICT exams."

Failure has long-term consequences: most of George's pupils come from fishing families that cannot afford to keep them at school when they fail.

With support from EIFL, libraries in four regions of Ghana (Western, Ashanti, Upper East and Volta regions) are offering a solution. Every week four library vans equipped with internet connections and solar-charged laptops pre-loaded with educational material related to the school curriculum travel to 25 schools to support the children's learning.

George says the benefits are enormous: "The children are getting real life experience of computers and the internet. The classes are helping to prepare them for the final exams."

IN 2015: Over 2,800 children attended hands-on computer classes offered by their regional libraries in Ghana with EIFL support.

"Now that the children have laptops to practise on, many more will pass their exams."

– GEORGE EBO BROWN

EVENTS

In 2015, EIFL organized, supported or took part in 94 events, workshops and conferences about issues that affect access to knowledge.

JANUARY

- Webinar: The Marrakesh Treaty for librarians (Online)
- FOSTER project General Assembly 2015 (Goettingen, Germany)
- Annual General Meeting: Copyright For Creativity (Brussels, Belgium)
- Kick-Off Meeting: OpenAIRE 2020 (Athens, Greece)

FEBRUARY

- Workshop: New service development for Uganda public librarians (Mukono, Uganda)
- WIPO conference: A Modern IP System in Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar)
- Public lecture for Myanmar Library Association: Copyright and Advocacy – An introduction (Yangon, Myanmar)
- Seminar: Open access in Myanmar (Mandalay and Yangon, Myanmar)
- Workshop: Communications and advocacy for Kenya public librarians (Kisumu, Kenya)
- Webinar: OpenAIRE Helpdesk (Online)
- Workshop: Communications and advocacy for Ghana public librarians (Winneba, Ghana)
- Workshop: Creating and Managing a Library Consortium (Yangon, Myanmar)

MARCH

- Webinar: Open Access Journals and Books (Online)
- Workshop: Higher KOS Project (Prishtina, Kosovo)
- Conference: Open Access Policy of Slovakia in the European context 2015 (Bratislava, Slovakia)
- IFLA Copyright and other Legal Matters Committee Mid-term meeting (The Hague, the Netherlands)
- Workshop: Communications and advocacy for Uganda public librarians (Kampala, Uganda)
- UKSG Annual Conference 2015 (Glasgow, United Kingdom)

APRIL

- Conference: Connecting Research Results, Bridging Communities, Opening Scholarship (Porto, Portugal)
- London Book Fair 2015 (London, United Kingdom)
- National Seminar on Copyright Issues (Kiev, Ukraine)
- EIFL eLibrary Myanmar project visit (Mandalay and Yangon, Myanmar)

MAY

- Visit to Palestine (Ramallah, Birzeit, Bethlehem and Nablus, Palestine)
- PASTEUR4OA Project Mid-Term Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Libraries Strategic Partners meeting (Seattle, USA)
- Public lecture at the University of Yangon: Copyright and libraries – an introduction (Yangon, Myanmar)
- Webinar: OpenAIRE Gold Open Access Pilot (Online)
- FOSTER Project Steering Committee and Advisory Board meeting (Delft, the Netherlands)
- Seminar: Setting up institutional repositories (Mandalay and Yangon, Myanmar)
- Webinar: OpenAIRE Horizon 2020 Open Access Mandate (Online)
- 2015 AfLIA Conference and 3rd African Library Summit (Accra, Ghana)

JUNE

- Webinar: Evaluating Licence Renewals (Online)
- EIFL AfLIA Post-Conference: African public libraries on the rise (Accra, Ghana)
- OpenAIRE Project Steering Committee Meeting (Frankfurt, Germany)
- Webinar: OpenAIRE Horizon 2020 Open Research Data Pilot and The Zenodo Data Repository (Online)
- Webinar: Repository Compliancy for repository managers from Cyprus and Greece (Online)
- Workshops: Open Access Campaign in Zambia (Lusaka, Zambia)
- DSpace User Group Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Workshop: Discovering Open Science and Open Opportunities (Thessaloniki, Greece)
- CERN Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI9) (Geneva, Switzerland)
- WIPO Copyright Committee (30th session) (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Presentation for WIPO delegates: Libraries and Archives – Information without borders (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Conference: Publishers for Development 2015 (London, United Kingdom)

JULY

- Workshop: Library innovation and leadership for Ghana public library directors (Accra, Ghana)
- Seminar: Open Access Policy (Vilnius, Lithuania)
- Webinar: The Marrakesh Treaty – library experience in advocacy (Online)
- Workshop: New service development for Ethiopia public librarians (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- Workshop: Making research data open in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

AUGUST

- Workshop: Open access policy In Malawi (Lilongwe, Malawi)
- Open Society Foundations A2K retreat (London, United Kingdom)
- IFLA World Library and Information Congress (Cape Town, South Africa)

SEPTEMBER

- EIFL-UNESCO seminar: Enabling Universal Access and Preservation Of Knowledge through Libraries (Kathmandu, Nepal)
- Webinar: Promoting e-resources (Online)
- Next Library Festival 2015 (Aarhus, Denmark)
- Workshop: EMSA access in action (Berlin, Germany)
- Webinars: OpenAIRE for Portugal repository managers (Online)
- OpenAIRE Advisory Board meeting (Paris, France)
- Workshop: Data and Computing Infrastructures for Open Scholarship (Paris, France)
- Conference: PUBMET 2015 (Zadar, Croatia)

- OpenAIRE/FOSTER training for the European Commission's project officers (Brussels, Belgium)

OCTOBER

- Webinar: Introduction to open access and how it helps research and increases the visibility and impact of publication (Online)
- 6th Africa Forum for blindness activists and leaders (Kampala, Uganda)
- Webinar: Introduction to Digital Literacy (Online)
- The Altmetrics Conference: 2:AM Amsterdam (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
- FOSTER Agropolis open access international workshop (Online)
- 10th Congress of Baltic Librarians (Riga, Latvia)
- Webinar: OpenAIRE FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot (Online)
- International Open Access Week (Global)
- Fourth International Conference of Libraries (Santiago, Chile)
- Conference: Open Science – benefits for researchers in the 21st century (Riga, Latvia)
- Public lecture at American University of Armenia: Copyright and Exceptions for Libraries and Research (Yerevan, Armenia)
- Workshop: What's the future for Open Knowledge? (Brighton, United Kingdom)
- Webinar: Fair use, open norms and blurred lines (Online)
- Conference: Working Together to Promote Open Access Policy Alignment in Europe (Budapest, Hungary)

NOVEMBER

- Webinar: FOSTER Open Access and Early Stage Researchers – Challenges And Opportunities
- Myanmar library directors study tour to Lithuania (Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania)
- Internet Governance Forum 2015 (João Pessoa, Brazil)
- EIFL General Assembly (Riga, Latvia)
- Conference: OpenCon 2015 (Brussels, Belgium)
- Workshop: OpenAIRE Sharing Research Data and Open Access to Publications In Horizon 2020 (Ghent, Belgium)
- EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme – visit to Serbia (Belgrade, Serbia)
- Open discussion: The Future of Copyright (Dublin, Ireland)
- Webinar: The Google Books Decision (Online)
- Workshop: Communications and advocacy for Ethoipan public librarians (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- Webinar: FOSTER/OpenAIRE, Open Access Horizon 2020 Requirements (Online)
- Webinar and course: FOSTER Open Access To Publications In Horizon 2020 (Online)
- WIPO Regional Seminar: Exceptions and Limitations to Libraries (Baku, Azerbaijan)

DECEMBER

- Webinar: FOSTER, Open Access to publications in Horizon 2020 (Online)
- Workshop: Open Access in Palestine (Birzeit, Hebron and Nablus, Palestine)
- WIPO Copyright Committee (31st session) (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Webinar: Open Data – How, Why and Where? (Online)
- Workshop: Open Access in Botswana (Gaborone, Botswana)
- EIFL eLibrary Myanmar project visit (Yangon, Myanmar)
- 4th Global Congress on IP and the Public Interest (Delhi, India)

KEY

- Training, workshops and events organized and/or supported by EIFL
- Presentations given by EIFL staff or partners
- Conferences and events attended by EIFL staff

OUR TEAM

Global Team: EIFL staff, meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania: From left, clockwise – Rima Kuprytė, Gwen Franck, Andrius Kriščiūnas, Edvaldas Baltrūnas, Heather Fishlock, Jean Fairbairn, Iryna Kuchma, Ramunė Petuchovaitė, Teresa Hackett.
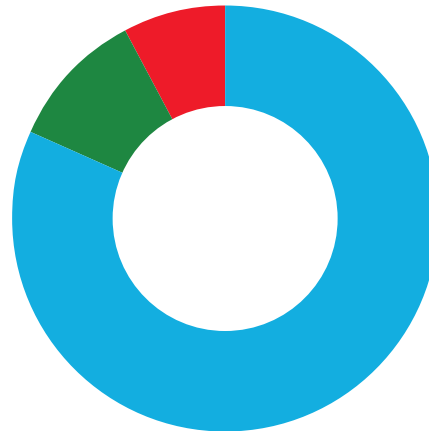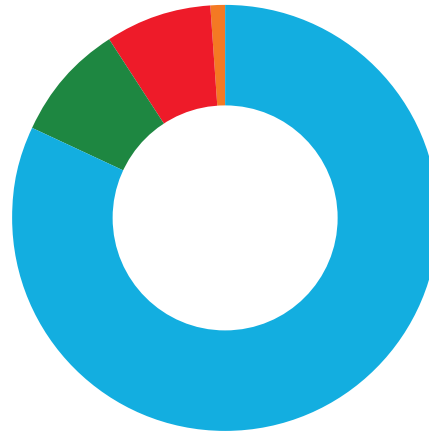
FINANCIAL REPORT

EIFL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015

INCOME	€	%
• Programme income	2,303,802	82.0%
• OSF core activities funding	251,207	8.9%
• Participation fees	225,951	8.0%
• Sponsorship, interest and other income	29,775	1.1%
Total	**2,810,735**	

EXPENDITURE	€	%
• Programme delivery	1,243,767	81.9%
• Personnel & contracted expenses	159,536	10.5%
• Operating expenses	114,657	7.6%
Total	**1,517,960**	
COMMITTED EXPENDITURE FOR 2016 – 17 PROGRAMME DELIVERY	**1,278,186**	

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- GlobalGiving UK

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- Addis Ababa Cultural and Tourism Bureau
- African Digital Library Support Network
- African Libraries and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA)
- Association of European Research Libraries (LIBER)
- Association of Progressive Communication (APC)
- Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and SPARC
- Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School
- Beyond Access
- Bioline International
- Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR)
- Copyright for Creativity
- Corporación Innovarte
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- DSpace Community Advisory Team (DCAT), DuraSpace
- Electronic Publishing Trust for Development (EPT)

- Enabling Open Scholarship (EOS)
- European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA)
- Goethe-Institut South Africa
- Harvard Open Access Project (HOAP)
- HIFA2015: Healthcare Information For All by 2015
- International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC)
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)
- International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)
- Knowledge Ecology International
- Library Copyright Alliance (LCA)
- Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD)
- Open Access Button
- Open Library of Humanities
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP)

- Public Knowledge Project (PKP)
- Public Library of Science (PLOS)
- Right to Research Coalition
- SPARC Europe
- Ubiquity Press
- UbuntuNet Alliance
- UNESCO
- World Blind Union (WBU)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

KEY
- EIFL is a founding member/ signatory
- EIFL is a member
- EIFL staff are board or committee members
- Official relations (including MoU)
- Working relationship

National Library of Latvia, Riga

November 12 – 14, 2015

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