

BULGARIAN NATIONAL MEETING REPORT

Organisational Issues

	Very useful	Useful	Not useful	Do not know
Booking & pre-event organisation	82.0%	12.0%		6.0%
Organisation on the day	88.0%	12.0%		
Documentation (website, leaflets, etc.)	74.0%	24.0%	2.0%	
Venue facilities	86.0%	14.0%		

Content of the event

	Very useful	Useful	Not useful	Do not know
Relevance of topics	82.0%	18.0%		
Usefulness of presentations	78.0%	22.0%		
Communication skills of presenters	76.0%	24%		
Present innovative ideas	60.0%	30.0%	6.0%	4.0%
Handouts and supporting materials	48.0%	42.0%	8.0%	2.0%

The National meeting was organized by BLIA in collaboration with Sofia City Library. The meeting was attended by 73 librarians from public libraries from all over the country and from the National Library, too. 50 of them were from the country, and 23 from Sofia. The evaluation form was filled out by 50 participants, which comprises 68,5% of all of them.

The seminar was opened with the presentation on the importance of lifelong learning for everyone and the role that libraries could play as a key player in the process. The two presentations on ENTITLE project focused on Impact Assessment Framework and Slovenian experience in testing GLOs. The Guidelines were presented in general without details. The representative from Human Resources Development Centre at the Ministry of Education Youth and Science presented the European LLP and possibilities for libraries to apply for it. In the second part of the National Meeting best examples and good practices were shared by five representatives of public libraries. A lot of questions were asked to the presenters and different comments were exchanged with the audience.

Positive aspects (strengths)

In general the majority of participants were satisfied with the meeting. They mentioned the following positive aspects:

The workshop is better organized compared to others events, because it offered new topics and new information. The audience liked the content of presentations and the manner in which they were presented. The experience of the presenters and the quality of the presentations were highly appreciated. Some of the participants pointed out that a good

balance between theoretical and practical information was achieved. They valued highly the communication skills of presenters.

The presentations adhered strictly to the topics, without any “information noise”. The librarians shared that they learned more about LLP as a new trend of library development, and have got a lot of innovative ideas. Some of them said: “very useful from a practical point of view”, or “very useful practical information was shared, especially the foreign experience”.

A lot of librarians mentioned the very good organization of the event, good logistic and excellent announcement of the national meeting.

When summarizing the positive aspects it should be underlined that the participants have become more interested in the idea to develop LLP in their libraries. Most of them highly appreciated the presentations: “I have learned about new innovative ideas, new programmes and projects.” Another opinion: “I learned a lot of things and got ideas how to participate in future projects”.

Aspects to be improved (weaknesses)

Some of the opinions were that the given information was too much for a one-day seminar, it should have been presented in the course of two days. More time for discussions should have been foreseen in the program. Others would like to receive handouts of presentations and more printed materials about the project in advance. The participants suggested more information about the project be spread in Bulgarian in different ways: through electronic and printed sources.