



# IFLA NOIR SIG 2010 Survey of International Activities and Relations of National Libraries

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# 1. The Survey: purpose and method



# The survey: purpose and method

## Purpose

- Outcome of NOIR SIG meeting August 2009
- Brainstorming: list of international activities
- Exploratory survey
- Nature and scope of international activities
- First phase: National libraries



# The survey: purpose & method (2)

## Method

- Internet survey using Qualtrics software
  - Web questionnaire, e-mailed invitations
  - CDNL mailing list (Why)
  - Invitations sent by CDNL Secretariat
  - Supplementary list (Univ Queensland)
  - Pretest
- Data processing
  - Qualtrics & SPSS
  - KISS



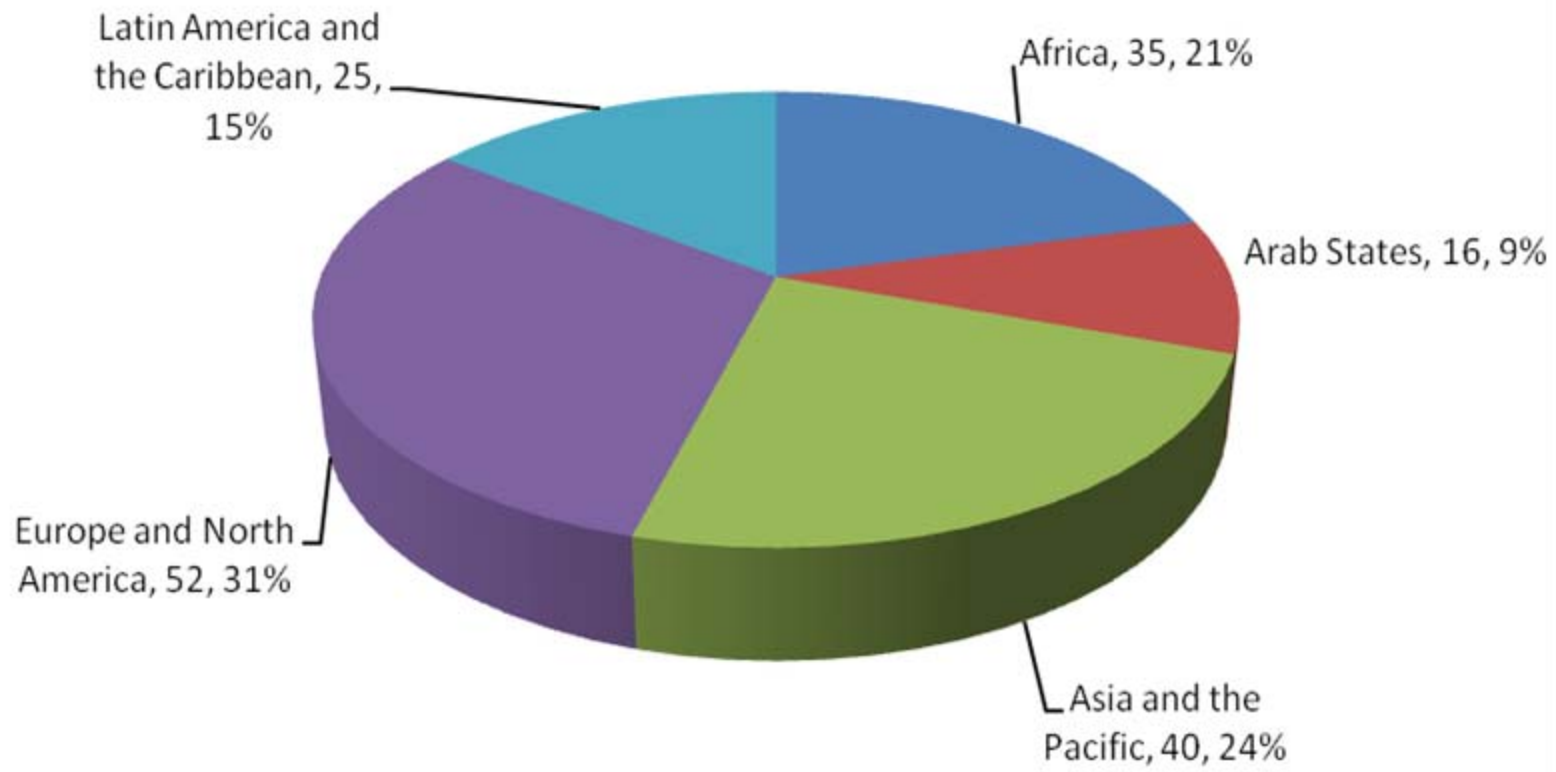
## 2. Survey population & response





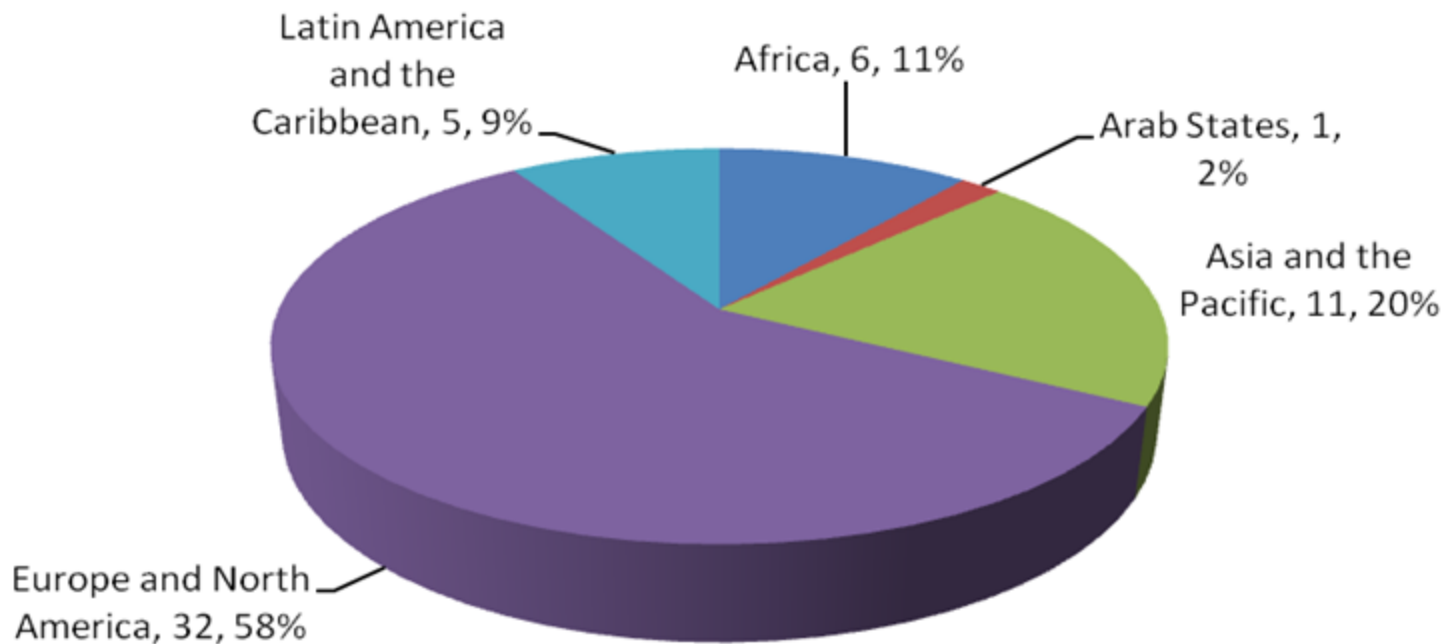
# CDNL Lists (168)

## CDNL Libraries by UNESCO Regions



# Survey Respondents

## Survey Respondents by UNESCO Region







## 5.4 How many full-time equivalent staff are there in your library?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	0 - 9	2	4%
2	10 - 49	11	20%
3	50 - 249	12	22%
4	250 - 1000	25	45%
5	More than 1000	5	9%
Total		55	100%



## 5.5 What is the annual budget of your library?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than \$100,000	3	7%
2	\$100,000 – \$999,999	11	21%
3	\$1,000,000 – \$9,999,999	17	31%
4	\$10,000,000 or more	22	41%
Total		53	100%

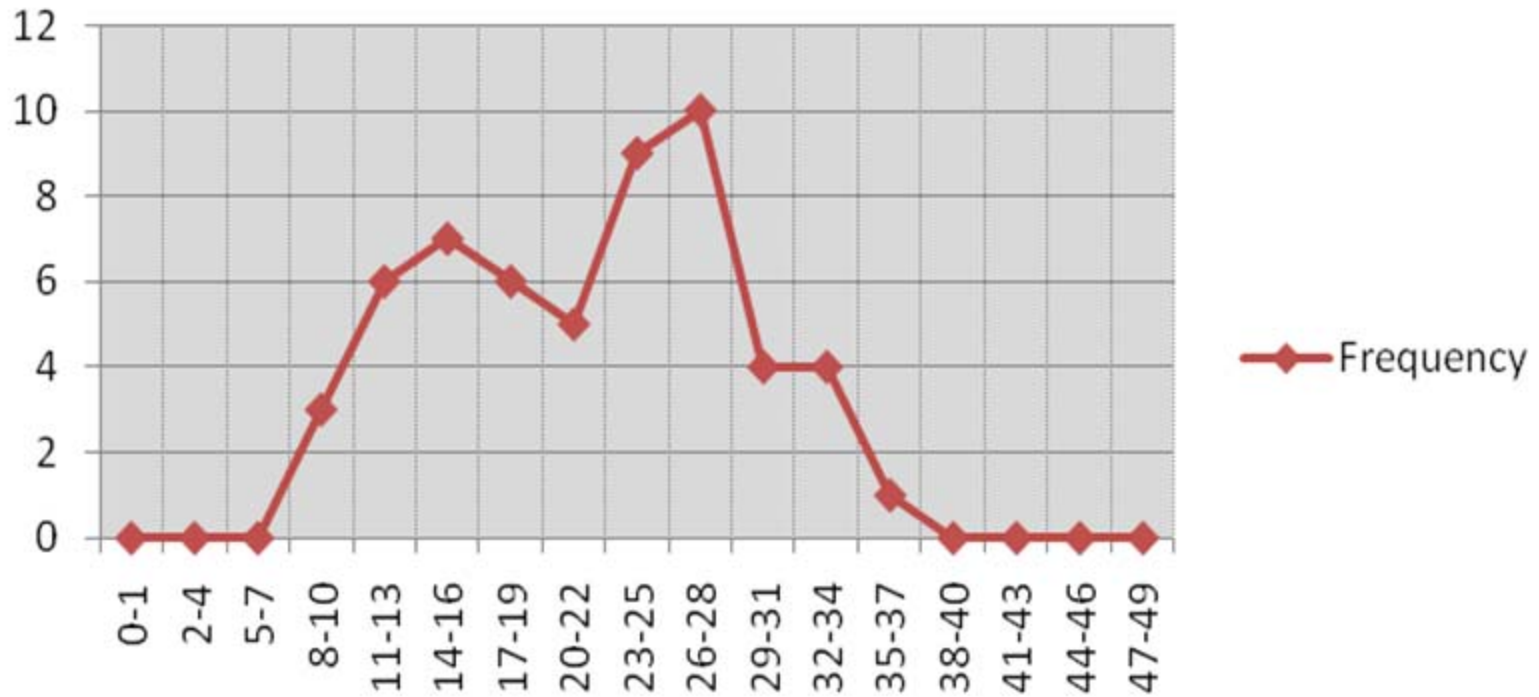


### 3. Levels of international activity



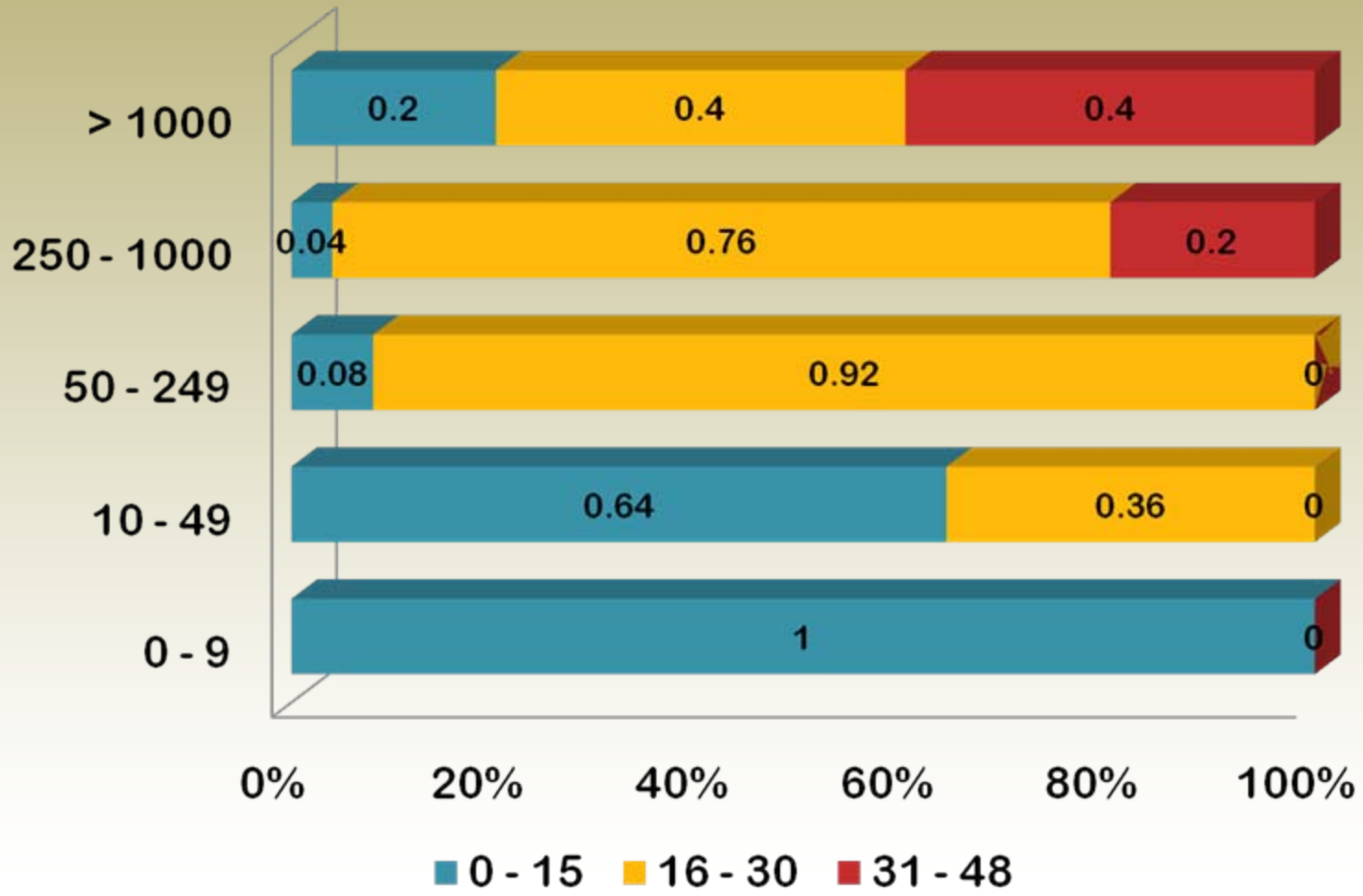
# Libraries by number of activities

## Distributions of International Activities Frequency



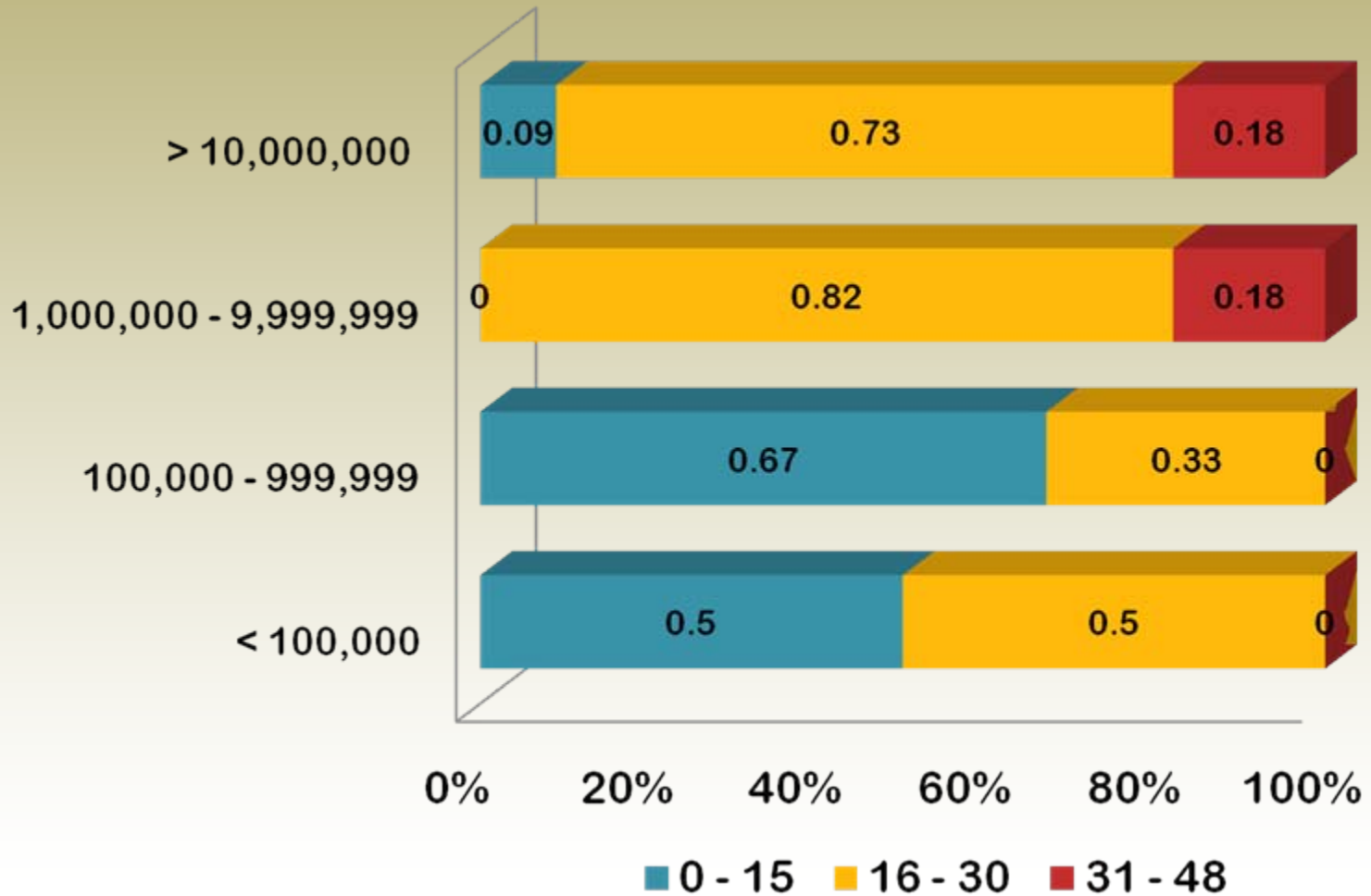


# Activities related to size of staff





# Activities related to library budget





# No surprise!

## Conclusion

Libraries with larger budgets are more active internationally

Libraries with larger staffs are more active internationally

But some very large libraries deviate a bit from the pattern

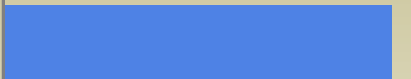



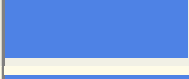
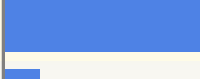








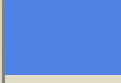

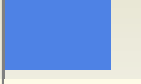
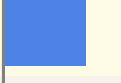
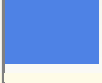


## 4. International relations & cooperative activities



# 1.1 General relations, visits, development assistance:


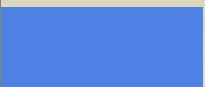



#	Answer		Response	%
1	Receive visiting librarians		51	93%
2	Receive high-ranking persons (VIPs)		49	89%
3	Send staff to visit libraries in other countries		47	85%
4	Staff exchange program(s)		26	47%
5	Library twinning agreement(s)		23	42%
6	Provide development assistance		24	44%
7	Receive development assistance		25	45%
8	Other; please specify		3	5%

## 1.2 Cooperative activities in collection development and management

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Exchange of publications		48	79%
2	Purchase library materials in other countries		21	34%
3	Collaborative collection development		15	25%
4	Preservation projects (books, analogue material)		29	48%
5	Digitization projects		41	67%
6	Digital preservation projects		26	43%
7	Web preservation projects		20	33%
8	Microfilming projects		23	38%
9	Repatriation of library materials from/to libraries in other countries		14	23%
10	Other; please specify		1	3%






# 1.3 Cooperative activities in bibliographic services and knowledge organization

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Cataloguing, metadata or related standards		39	89%
2	Classification schemes, thesauri or related standards		28	64%
3	Authority files		18	41%
4	Retrospective cataloguing projects		14	32%
5	Other; please specify		2	7%



# 1.4 Cooperative activities in document and information access




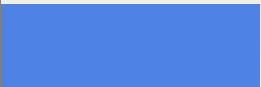

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Inter-library loans and provision of copies		45	92%
2	Digital reference		25	51%
3	Other; please specify		3	6%




## 5. Participation in international organizations



## 2.1 Participation in international library organizations and forums

#	Answer		Response	%
1	CDNL (Conference of Directors of National Libraries)		51	89%
2	IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)		51	89%
3	Specialized international organizations (e.g. IAML, IATUL, IBBY)		29	51%
4	Regional organizations (e.g. ABINIA, CENL, CONSAL, SCECSAL)		44	77%
5	Other; please specify		23	40%





## 2.1 Participation in international library organizations and forums (2)

2.1	Other international library organizations	Value
LIBER	Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche	5
IIPC	International Internet Preservation Consortium	3
TEL	The European Library	3
ACURIL	The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries	2
CERL	Consortium of European Research Libraries	2
ICOM	International Council of Museums	2
WDL	World Digital Library	2
		23



## 2.2 Participation in international library bodies ("most active" participation)

<b>2.2 Most participated international library bodies</b>	<b>Value</b>
IFLA	32
CENL	15
CDNL	10
LIBER	5
CONSAL	4
TEL	3



## 2.3 In which ways do staff of your library participate in the international library body you named in the previous question?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Hold membership		43	77%
2	Attend conferences		53	95%
3	Serve on committees, boards, working groups, etc.		39	70%
4	Participate in special projects		39	70%
5	Other; please specify		3	7%



## 6. Responsibility for international relations








### 3.1 Who in your library is responsible for international relations?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	The Director/Head of the Library		46	81%
2	Senior library managers (deputy & assistant directors)		30	53%
3	All staff members who are involved in relevant projects		29	51%
4	A staff member who (in addition to other duties) has a major responsibility for international relations		20	35%
5	A staff member whose main or sole responsibility is international relations		8	14%
6	A department or unit devoted mainly or solely to international relations		11	19%



## 3.2 What is the type of budget for international relations in your library?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	As part of regular budget		44	79%
2	Special funding from government		4	7%
3	Project funding from sources other than government		17	30%
4	No funding		8	14%
5	Other, please specify		2	4%



## 7. General comments (open question)





Q: “Please provide any comments or clarifications that you wish to add.”

- Most comments are positive about international relations and activities; some express intent to expand these.
- Three of the comments mentioned that they have insufficient budget, and one of them mention there is a lack of professional librarian.
- Other emphases: collaboration within EU; digital projects



## 8. Conclusion



# Conclusion

No surprises

Pattern much as expected

Few comments under “Other, please specify”, mostly clarifications & amplifications (except for participation in international organizations & forums)

A few points of interest – high participation in:  
aid: providing (44%) and receiving (45%)  
digitization (67%) & digital preservation (43%)  
digital reference (51%)  
repatriation (23%)



# Next steps

## Options:

A: Survey of national libraries

Refine the survey

Try to expand response

B: In-depth, qualitative study of international activities of small national libraries

C: Survey of national library associations

Adapt this survey questionnaire

Use IFLA MLAS list for survey population

Our recommendation for NOIR SIG: Option C



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