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EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme

• Supports public libraries to use technology creatively to develop innovative services that meet community needs

• Has supported 49 innovative library services in 27 countries
Elifl-PLIP model

- Research local needs
- Select partners
- Choose the right ICT
- Market, implement
- Research impact
- Advocate resources
Urban libraries: employment services

- ICT skills
- Confidence, motivation
- Job-seeking skills (CV, interview)
- Employment information
- Careers counselling
‘Lyuben Karavelov’ Regional Library, Bulgaria
Motivation, confidence, ICT, job-seeking skills
Rural libraries: serving farmers

- ICT training (communication, e-literacy)
- Agricultural information
- Online markets
- Public lectures
‘Marius Katiliskis’ Public Library, Lithuania
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EIFL-PLIP impact assessment

• Results for users / benefits, influence
• Practical, cost-effective
• Meaningful data e.g. for management decisions, advocacy
Conclusions

• Small public library services can have a big impact at local level
• Importance of community needs research
• Value of impact assessment to provide evidence
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