

From idea to sustainable action: Designing participatory actions in libraries for equal access to knowledge

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In collaboration with Panteion University Library and its Information Centre

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Academic Libraries, HMU, 21st-
25th of September 2026**

- Designing and implementing citizen science projects with interdisciplinary teams.
 - 8 expert staff members.
 - Established in 2014.
 - Customized software solutions (open recognition of skills).
- Active in EU grants (Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, national funds).

Areas: professional training, citizen and open science, social innovation

15 ongoing EU-funded projects

> 3000 end users reached

Sectors:
Higher Education,
VET, School Education, Adult Education

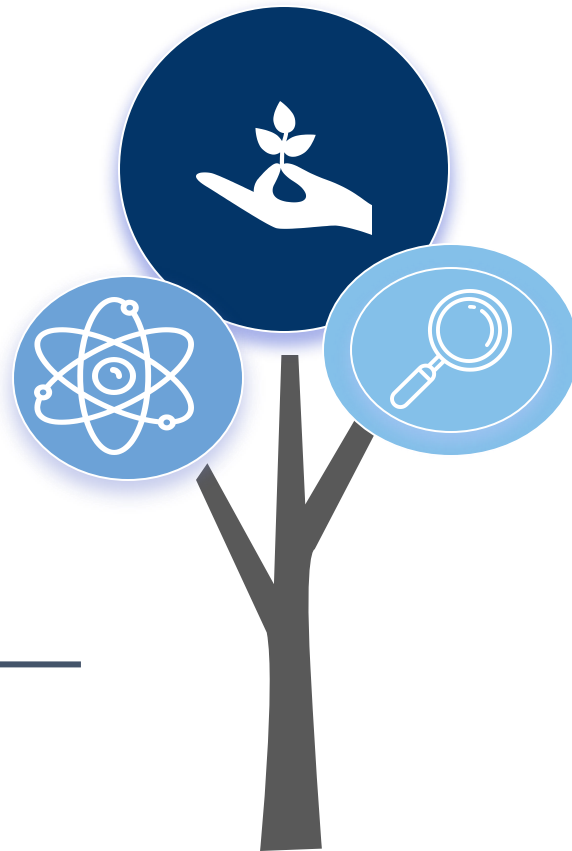
Focus on:

- strengthening higher education-society collaboration
- enhancing EU-Ukrainian university library collaboration in crisis response

Erasmus+ KA2 project in
the Higher Education
sector

March 2025 - February 2027

Goals



**Position university libraries
at the forefront of crisis
response**



**Upskill university libraries'
staff in innovative and
interdisciplinary approaches
to crisis response**



**Promote and sustain
university libraries-driven
open knowledge and civic
engagement**

Project partners



1

University of Tartu



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Web2Learn



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Kaunas University of
Technology



4

Ukrainian State University of
Science and Technologies



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SKS Knowledge Services



Scope of the action

To advance the role of academic libraries in:

- promoting open knowledge
- addressing the needs of people with disabilities
- facilitating digitally mediated citizen participation

Format: Co-creation of audio books

Method: Crowdsourcing: A combination of collective content creation by citizens with the aid of technological platforms

Aim: Sustainability of the action and adoption of the model by other libraries

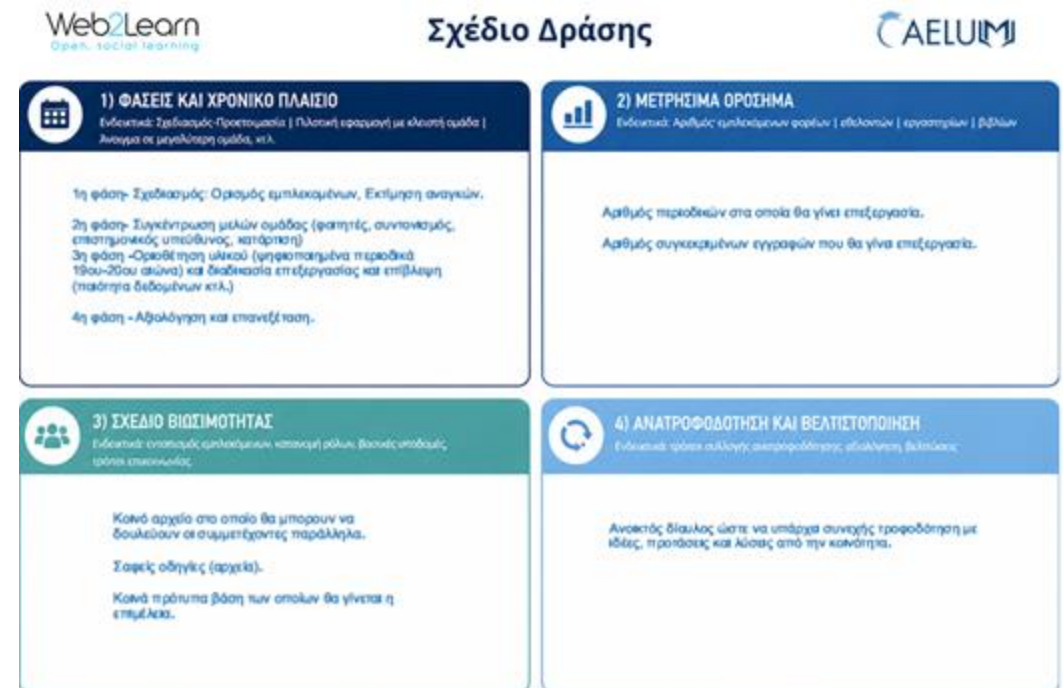


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A collaboration with Greek academic libraries

4 New action plans

- 2 workshops with 4 academic libraries and 1 municipal library:
- Library and Information Center of the University of Patras
 - Panteion University Library and its Information Centre
 - Library and Information Center of the University of Macedonia
 - Library and Information Centre of the Technical University of Crete,
 - Municipal Library of Keratsini-Drapetsona



Description of the new actions

Metadata enhancement of digital collections by volunteers

Library and Information Center of the University of Patras



Audiobooks creation through a Book's Club

Panteion University Library and its Information Centre



Audiobooks creation in collaboration with the Equal Access Unit

Library and Information Center of the University of Macedonia



Audiobooks creation for curriculum-based resources

Library and Information Centre of the Technical University of Crete



Audiobooks creation for children and adolescents in collaboration with local schools

Municipal Library of Keratsini-Drapetsona



A photograph of a modern library interior. The space is characterized by curved wooden bookshelves that wrap around a central area. A large, circular skylight is visible in the upper left, allowing natural light to enter. The ceiling is also curved and features several recessed lights. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting, with a focus on the architecture and the vast collection of books.

It's your turn now!

Group work

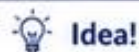
Materials:

1. Sustainability plan
2. Sustainability plan template
3. Action plan

How we will work:

1. We will split into groups (5-7 persons/group)
2. Each group will complete the sustainability plan template and the action plan (40 minutes)
3. One representative of each group will present the action plan to the whole group (3 minutes per group)

 Key stakeholders	 Key roles	 Functions of each role	 Key resources	 Communication plan	 Revenue streams
-Academic library -Academic department -Non academic organisation -Students' club -University service	-Community coordinator -Quality checker -Ambassador -(Open) data officer + Volunteers	1. Community coordinator: -acts as "hub person" (front desk) -channels volunteers to the info and registration center -collects registrations and allocates tasks -monitors volunteers' tasks 2. Quality checker: -sets the standards and guidelines for recording -upskills volunteers to become ambassadors -supervises ambassadors in quality checking -does the final quality check & delivers to data officer 3. Ambassador -variable: best serves the needs by case/skills 4. (Open) data officer -is the copyright expert -places files to the library repository -ensures metadata and standardisation -aggregates to other repositories -connects to digital archives + Volunteers -create the audio files -support the communication flow	-Platform for volunteer management -Repository for audio books -Physical meeting space	Procedures and media (e.g. social media, radio campaign)	-Own contribution -National grants -EU grants -Corporate social responsibility -Crowdfunding campaign



Idea!



1.Sustainability plan

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 Idea!					



2.Sustainability
plan template



1) Phases and timeline

Indicative: Planning and Preparation | Pilot implementation with a closed group | Expansion to a larger group, etc.



2) Measurable milestones

Indicative: Number of stakeholders | volunteers | workshops | books



3) Sustainability plan

Indicative: identifying stakeholders, assigning roles, key infrastructure, communication channels



4) Feedback and optimization

Indicative: method of collecting feedback, assessment, improvements

3. Action plan

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