



The Europe Challenge

List of Selected Participants Europe Challenge 2024: Libraries, Communities, Democracy Alphabetical order by country

No.	Project title	Country	Town	Library	Community	Local challenge	Proposed solution	Theme
1	The Creation of Feminist Library Tirana	Albania	Fafe	Berk	Kolektivi Feminist i Shqipërisë	Lack of coordinated feminist discourse and resources in Tirana.	Establish a dedicated Women's Library with a curated collection of feminist and gender rights' titles and organize talks and discussions to promote feminist issues.	Active citizenship and participation
2	The Elections Experience Trail	Belgium	Brussels	Muntpunt (Brussels Public Library)	Tisaanu (Ambrassade, council desk for youth)	Engaging young people in the democratic process and increasing their understanding of elections and political participation.	Develop an interactive experience trail in the library to educate students about democracy, elections, and active citizenship, and extend the program to other organizations.	Active citizenship and participation
3	S.O.S. Heritage: Save Our School Heritage	Croatia	Bakar	Pomorska škola Bakar	Pupils of Maritime School Bakar	The Maritime School Bakar's old books are at risk of decay, threatening the loss of crucial maritime heritage.	Engage pupils in preservation activities, including awareness campaigns, workshops, heritage walks and collaborative events to protect and promote maritime heritage.	Active citizenship and participation
4	Be Sustainable. Start at the Library.	Czech Republic	Broumov	City Library Broumov	Educational and Cultural Centre Broumov	Need for greater environmental awareness and sustainable living practices.	Host creative workshops and lectures on sustainable living, including upcycling, composting, and biodiversity.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
5	Library as a Starting Point for Democratic and Conscious Film Production	France	Aubagne	SATIS BU	SATIS Students & Alumni	Need to sensitize students about conscious filmmaking ethics and democratize library space for local groups.	Organize panel discussions and workshops on responsible filmmaking, and create podcasts to educate and engage local youth.	Social cohesion and wellbeing

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6	Create your future! Participatory cultural, social and debating events	France	Paris	Library of Goethe-Institut Paris	Maison des Volontaires	Disengagement of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in cultural and political institutions.	Organize a series of events by and for young adults to engage them in public debates, cultural activities, and foster their involvement in society.	Active citizenship and participation
7	Reimagining the Libraries: VR&AR as New Tools of Georgian Knowledge Hubs	Georgia	Tbilisi	Library about Georgia	Georgian IDPs and Ukrainian refugees in Georgia	Fading collective memory and trauma of Georgian IDPs and Ukrainian refugees.	Use AR and VR technologies to enhance library resources, focusing on conflict histories and personal narratives to promote empathy and understanding.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
8	Manga Days	Germany	Chemnitz	Stadtbibliothek Chemnitz	Kraftwerk e.V.	Engaging youth and young adults in library activities.	Host a two-day Manga celebration with workshops, gaming, 3D printing, and other activities to attract and engage the youth in creative and cultural pursuits.	Active citizenship and participation
9	book(shelf) yourself	Greece	Athens	Library "Myrsini Zorba"	Network for Children's Rights, 54 elementary school Athens	Strengthening love of reading and addressing educational and psychosocial needs of children in vulnerable social groups.	Reorganize and update the main school library, create a network of small classroom libraries, and organize various reading and educational activities.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
10	Illustrations of social exclusion: co-designing an inclusive library	Greece	Athens	Children's Open Library	Ploes Day Center	High school dropout rates and social exclusion of teenagers with psychosocial problems	Engage teenagers in workshops to create stories and comics, and facilitate open discussions with local leaders to address educational and social inclusion issues.	Equal rights and inclusion
11	wakenings: Parents and teachers meet in the library	Greece	Heraklion	Bibliodromio	Parents' Association of 43rd Public Primary School of Heraklion	Social isolation, domestic violence, and lack of tolerance in a multicultural school community.	Use the library as a hub for cultural events, educational workshops, and community-building activities to address social issues and promote solidarity.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
12	Book of Your Life (BoYL)	Hungary	Budapest	University Library & Archives of the Eötvös Loránd University	Student Union of the Eötvös Loránd University	Integrating international students from diverse backgrounds into the local community.	Co-designing a community space and activities in the library to promote cultural diversity and inclusion.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
13	Books 'n' Bogs	Ireland	County Laois	Abbeyleix Library	RE-PEAT	Tensions and transitions in the community due to peat extraction and environmental changes.	Facilitate dialogue and understanding through storytelling, literature, and library events focusing on peatlands and cultural heritage.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
14	A Community Celebration of Diversity, History and Culture in Marino	Ireland	Dublin	Marino College JCSP Library	Marino Residents Association	Rising anti-immigration sentiment and need for community integration and understanding.	Expand the Community Festival to include more schools and local groups, fostering a sense of community, understanding, and respect through cultural exchange and celebration.	Social cohesion and wellbeing

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15	Quicksilver	Italy	Albino (Bergamo)	Sistema Bibliotecario Valle Seriana	Terza Università	Aging population and migration of youth, leading to a need for active aging.	Create new spaces and services in libraries designed with and for the elderly, focusing on socialization, support, and active aging.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
16	A thread between past and future	Italy	Barberino di Mugello	Biblioteca comunale Ernesto Balducci	Associazione culturale Penelope	Promoting knowledge and practice of traditionally female arts like embroidery and knitting to a wider community.	Organize workshops, Knit Café, and embroidery groups, create a fiber art exhibition, and develop a digital platform for sharing local traditions and creating a virtual community.	Active citizenship and participation
17	How Do You Feel?	Italy	Genova	La Casa nel Parco ETS - Casa Gavoglio	The community around La Casa Gavoglio	Lack of access to and stigma around mental health services, especially among low-income and migrant communities.	Introduce informal activities to promote mental health services, integrate people with mental illness into the community through creative activities, and create a toolkit for mental wellbeing.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
18	Biblioteca dei semi - Seed Library	Italy	Nave	Biblioteca Comunale di Nave	Associazione Amici Antica Pieve della Mitria	Preserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable practices.	Create a seed library for community use, focusing on the preservation of native plant species and promoting ecological education and sustainable agricultural practices.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
19	Cozyplace: Co-management of a Co-designed Place	Italy	Pallanza (Verbania)	Biblioteca Pietro Ceretti	Associazione Culturale Sherazade	Decline in (young) library audiences post-pandemic.	Involve young people in redesigning and managing a new cultural space, fostering a sense of ownership and active participation.	Active citizenship and participation
20	fREAD yourself. Women in shelters and the impact of libraries	Italy	Rome	Sapienza Library System	Differenza donna asp	Supporting women victims of violence and promoting gender equality.	Provide educational and cultural activities for women in shelters, including language classes, information literacy workshops, and recreational activities for children.	Equal rights and inclusion
21	LetteralMente. Information literacy and books to counter fake news	Italy	Torino	Biblioteca Centro studi Piero Gobetti	Liceo M. Mazzeo di Torino	Addressing misinformation and fake news among students.	Implement a workshop and co-design activities to foster critical thinking, use the library's resources for information literacy, and organize a cultural event to enhance the school library as a resource for students and teachers.	Active citizenship and participation
22	Bridging Worlds: A Collaborative Initiative for Youth, Libraries, and Inclusive Communities	Italy	Tortona	Biblioteca Civica Tommaso de Ocheda Tortona	APS La Fenice	Cultural and social cohesion challenges in a multi-ethnic community.	Create mentorship and cultural exchange programs to foster understanding and inclusivity among young people from diverse backgrounds.	Equal rights and inclusion
23	Democracy & Inclusion in the Library	Latvia	Kuldiga	Kuldiga Main Library	Kurzeme NGO center	Promoting exchange of ideas, active citizenship, social inclusion, equality, and democratic principles within the library.	Organize a series of lessons/conversations on vital topics, participate in the "Democracy Festival," and develop an interactive game on democracy and literature.	Equal rights and inclusion

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24	Discover the World with Other Senses	Latvia	Liepaja	Liepaja Central Scientific Library	Liepaja Society of the Blind	Limited knowledge and resources to assist people with visual disabilities.	Conduct workshops for library staff and community on inclusive design and technology, and organize activities to raise awareness about visual disabilities.	Equal rights and inclusion
25	Silver Bonds: Empowering Elders, Enriching Lives	Lithuania	Marijampole	Marijampolės Petro Kriaučiūno viešoji biblioteka	Seniors and people with disabilities club “Bičiuliai” and “Margainis”	Aging population, technological knowledge gap, loneliness, and poverty among elders and disabled.	Technological literacy and artistic/creative activities to reduce social exclusion and improve psychological well-being.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
26	Children’s Plants Library	Lithuania	Neringa	The Nida Art Colony Library	Ukrainians in Neringa	Lack of child-friendly educational infrastructure for Ukrainian refugees.	Develop a programme focusing on environmental education and integration, using books, workshops, and educational sessions about local flora and the ecosystem.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
27	Verborgen Verhalen	Netherlands	Haarlem	Bibliotheek Zuid-Kennemerland	Verborgen Verhalen - Stadsreporters	Lack of meaningful interactions between locals and migrants, leading to social bubbles.	Use storytelling and artistic projects to bridge cultural gaps and create a more inclusive community.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
28	Painting Murals, Breaking Down Walls	Netherlands	Hoogeveen	Bibliotheek Hoogeveen - Hoogeveen Public Library	Hoogeveen Urban Arts / Urban Unity	High risk of poverty, rising criminal activity, and social isolation among youth.	Collaborate with local organizations to paint murals in at-risk neighborhoods, using art to restore social cohesion and safety.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
29	Like Home	Poland	Krakow	Knizny Vyraj	Belarusians of Krakow (Belarusian Association in Krakow)	Lack of Belarusian-language books in Poland and preserving Belarusian culture among the Belarusian diaspora.	Expand the network of Belarusian-language bookshelves in Krakow, organize reading events for children and adults, and create educational and communication materials to strengthen the reading community.	Equal rights and inclusion
30	You won’t learn this at school	Poland	Opole	Public Library in Opole	Normal Thing	Limited access to reliable knowledge on Mental Health and Sexual Reproductive Health (MH&SRH) for youth.	Organize workshops and meetings on MH&SRH topics, use innovative learning methods, and gather data to publish a handbook on addressing youth’s MH&SRH education needs.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
31	School library activities for sustainable development	Poland	Płońsk	Primary School No. 2 - Jan Walery Jędrzejewicz School Library	Senior+ Club	Lack of comprehensive ecological education and community involvement in environmental initiatives.	Organize intergenerational and community-wide activities focused on ecological education and sustainable practices, including workshops, outdoor activities, and collaborations with local authorities.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing

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32	Literary for Climate Transition!	Portugal	Póvoa de Varzim	Biblioteca Municipal Rocha Peixoto	Póvoa em Transição	Dependency on car use and lack of sustainable living practices	Promote climate transition literacy through a club at the library, organize activities and campaigns to raise awareness about sustainable practices.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
33	Romnja Feminist Library	Romania	Bucharest	Romnja Feminist Library	Romnja Magazine	Lack of visibility and publishing opportunities for Roma women and girls in Europe.	Creating a space for Roma women and girls to produce and share knowledge through 'Romnja Magazine.'	Active citizenship and participation
34	Awareness of the importance of the ecological pillar in the sustainable development of future communities	Romania	Bumbesti Pitic	Vladimir Communal Library	Association for community development Vladimir	Lack of ecological awareness and high pollution-related mortality rates.	Engage children in ecological-themed activities, tree planting, garbage collection, eco-innovation competitions, and educational excursions to foster ecological responsibility and awareness.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
35	Travelling Library	Romania	Zalău	Salaj County Library	Friends of the Library	Low annual book reading rates in Romania and lack of time for reading.	Promote reading and creativity in rural localities through public readings and arts & crafts sessions, and establish a Travelling Library to circulate books.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
36	Water Care in a Creative Way	Serbia	Čačak	Čačak Public Library	Eko-kultur distrikt	Over-consumption and pollution of water resources in Čačak.	Launch a citizen-focused awareness campaign on water preservation, educational workshops, and the creation of a green roof garden at the library for sustainable water usage.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
37	Become your favourite character	Slovakia	Žilina	Krajská knižnica v Žiline	OZ Brána poznania	Social isolation and loneliness in post-pandemic society.	Establish a Costume Club and Shop at the library for creating and borrowing costumes, promoting community engagement and sustainable fashion.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
38	Together: Intergenerational Cooperation	Slovenia	Komenda	Knjižnica Franceta Balantiča Kamnik	Zavod Medgeneracijsko središče Komenda	Aging society and negative influence of social networks among youth.	Storytelling, book clubs, creative workshops, and digital literacy courses for intergenerational bonding.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
39	LIBRO LIBRE: Red urbana de intercambio de libros	Spain	Córdoba	Libro Libre: red urbana de intercambio de libros	El Alambre cooperativa	Ensuring access to books throughout the city, especially in suburbs with fewer resources.	Expand the network of street libraries for book exchange, and collaborate with local organizations to make these spaces cultural points for community engagement.	Active citizenship and participation
40	BIBLIOKEPOS	Spain	Sevilla	Red Municipal de Bibliotecas de Sevilla	Bibliokepos	High temperatures and heat waves in Sevilla.	Transform library spaces into climate gardens, reorganize book collections around climate change topics, and raise public awareness about ecological issues.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing

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41	Accessible, Inclusive and Sustainable Library	Spain	Terrassa (Barcelona)	bct xarxa	LaFact	Ensuring equitable access to library services for people with disabilities.	Create a network between libraries and disability-focused institutions to share resources and extend services, enhancing inclusion and sustainability.	Equal rights and inclusion
42	LA Together - Participate in your Local Community	Sweden	Malmö	Landskrona Public Libraries	Hej Öster	Low voter turnout and lack of activities for young people in Landskrona.	Conduct talks and workshops to encourage young people and those with Swedish as a second language to participate in local community activities and democratic processes.	Active citizenship and participation
43	A space of creativity, art therapy and psychological relief «Dobroteka ART»	Ukraine	Buchach	Buchach Town Public Library	NGO “Buchach-ART”	Stress and emotional strain due to the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.	Create a mobile space for creativity, art therapy, and psychological relief with artistic workshops and psychological assistance trainings.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
44	Digital Skills for People with Vision Disabilities	Ukraine	Lviv	Lviv Municipal Library	Institute of Ukrainian Studies	Need for digital skills among relatives of veterans and civilians with vision disabilities.	Educational courses on digital skills for relatives of people with vision disabilities, focusing on screen readers and other digital tools, including psychological aspects.	Equal rights and inclusion
45	Community Connections	United Kingdom (England)	Blackburn	Blackburn with Darwen Library and Information Service	Local Care Home	Combating isolation and loneliness in care home residents and improving mental health and wellbeing.	Providing supported reading groups, online reminiscence sessions, sensory packs, and digital equipment for care home residents.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
46	How can a library support the issue of debt?	United Kingdom (England)	Bootle	Sefton Libraries	Venus Charity	Addressing debt issues in a community facing high deprivation.	Collaborative, creative action to rethink debt management and support.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
47	Meet. Eat. Art.	United Kingdom (England)	Cambridge	Bar Hill Library	Bar Hill Community Association (BHCA)	Enhancing social cohesion and wellbeing for people seeking sanctuary at a local hotel.	Monthly community kitchen and arts events to bridge community gaps.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
48	Outreach to the Romanian community in Ipswich	United Kingdom (England)	Ipswich	Ipswich County Library	Ipswich Romanian Community	Engaging the Romanian community facing barriers to library access.	Outreach, collection development, and cultural events tailored to the Romanian community.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
49	The Democratic Library	United Kingdom (England)	London	Woolwich Centre Library	WSUP	Addressing low democratic engagement and the challenges of new voter ID policies in a diverse community.	Implementing community masterclasses on democratic participation, voter registration, and creating a Living Exhibition to celebrate democratic engagement.	Active citizenship and participation
50	The Gatherers	United Kingdom (England)	North Devon	Braunton Library	Honeyscribe	Addressing social isolation and loneliness in rural North Devon communities.	Connecting people through plant-based activities and storytelling, focusing on pressed flowers and community engagement.	Social cohesion and wellbeing

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51	5 Ways to Health Equality	United Kingdom (England)	Oldham	Oldham Libraries	CHAI project	Addressing health inequalities experienced by South Asian women.	A programme based on the Five Ways to Wellbeing framework, tailored to South Asian women.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
52	Community Activators & Programmers	United Kingdom (England)	St Helen's	St Helens Library	Community Activators	Combating social isolation and loneliness, and changing perceptions of libraries as dynamic community spaces.	Empowering community members to become cultural activators and co-program arts in libraries, creating welcoming and engaging library spaces.	Active citizenship and participation
53	Bookworms Community Garden	United Kingdom (England)	Stockport	Stockport Libraries	Sustainable Living Romiley	Transforming the library's role to a vibrant, community-led haven focusing on sustainability.	Creating Bookworms Community Garden – a biodiversity hub that offers opportunities for engaging residents in gardening and sustainability activities.	Circular economy and environmental wellbeing
54	Creating Collective Roots	United Kingdom (England)	Sutton	Sutton Libraries	Arts Network Sutton	Fostering inclusion and social cohesion in a rapidly changing, multicultural community.	Organising creative workshops and exhibitions to explore the theme of belonging and enhance community cohesion.	Social cohesion and wellbeing
55	Community Growing for Recovery	United Kingdom (Scotland)	Falkirk	Falkirk Library	FDAMH - Falkirk's Mental Health Association	Addressing health inequalities, environmental concerns, and economic challenges related to food access and mental health.	Creating a community garden, developing starter packs for home gardening, engaging with local producers, and creating a local produce directory.	Social cohesion and wellbeing

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