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**Name of country:** ROMANIA

**Name of library or equivalent national-level organization:** NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ROMANIA

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## **Vision**

Fundamental institution for the national written cultural heritage, the National Library of Romania conserves, manages and promotes an important part of this heritage and participates in the construction of a modern, dynamic and well informed society, integrating at national level its documentation and information resources, creating a path to knowledge, in general, and to knowledge of Romanian culture and spirituality, in particular.

In this regards, the National Library of Romania ensures the availability of the published national heritage in the community, disseminates and produces information content for the citizens and the community and builds services for all types of users, together with the library network and other actors of the information society.

## **General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library**

Although, over the last few years, the National Library of Romania crosses a period of constant changes (starting with the movement into a new building, and continuing with repeated changes in the management vision, caused by the consecutive short periods of interim management, the lack of professional and administrative staff, and, last but no least, insufficient funds in relations with the institution's needs) all the fundamental library functions and activities were assured on continuous bases. Nevertheless, all the above have conducted to the maintenance of the gap (18 months) between the entry moment of a document as legal deposit copy in the library and the finalization of the document's processing flow.

## **Developments in managing collections**

In order to make our library collections widely known and accessible for everyone interested, regardless of the access' point, we have tried to find innovative solutions without budgetary implications. So, these was the premise of the birth of *Book a Book* – a project of the National Library of Romania, designed and developed in partnership with an enthusiastic group of IT science students, aiming to transcribe the traditional catalogue of the Library into digital information easy to access and manage online. The project started on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, with a Bookathon – an event open to all citizens interested, in which librarians, students and professors gathered together in a crowd-cataloguing action, designed as starting point for a long term project active until the finalization of the entire process of transcription of the traditional catalogue into a virtual one.

## **Developments in providing access to collections**

The Sound of the Pages, a project initiated in 2015, aiming to create and develop the largest digital library accessible for blind and visual impaired people continued its mission in 2016, an increased number of users being helped to access the books and other types of information they needed.

## **Cultural and professional events**

As the vision of the National Library of Romania stipulates, the national written heritage has been brought into view through the activity of the Special Collection Department, by opening eight temporary expositions:

*A queen who watch, Elisabeta – A queen who dream, Carmen Silva*, February - October 2016

*Sweet heresies and whispers of longing: Exhibitions with illustrated books and Romanian poetry from the National library of romania's Special Collections*, February - April 2016

*Beyond the curtain of fame: the shaded portrait of a great writer – Duiliu Zamfirescu*, August- October 2016

*King Mihai I of Romania – a destiny in the service of the country*, October 2016 - June 2017

*Emanoil Lacu Romanian Traveler through the World*, November 2016 - June 2017

*Romania in the First World War 1916*, December 2016 - June 2017

*Antim Ivireanu – scholar, printer and publisher. Rare books from the National Library of Romania’s Special Collections, December 2016 - April 2017.*

In 2016, the cultural and profesional agenda of the National Library of Romania became richer than previous year. More than 350 different type of events, from exhibitions to conferences, from reading sessions, dabates to whorkshops especially designed for kids, have been part of the cultural and profesional offer of the library. The Marketing and Communication Department estimates a number of around 70.000 participants to all the events.

### **Publishing activity**

Representatives of the National Library of Romania actively participated in numerous professional events in Romania and abroad giving papers and presentations.

As editorial activity, the library published national bibliographies (available online) and other printed and electronic materiales (catalogues and serial publications).

### **Key facts and figures**

#### **Funding:**

In 2016, the National Library of Romania had a total budget of 17.274.000 lei (approx. EUR 3.803.924), spent in a proportion of 88,70%, as a consequence of savings due to the retirement of some employees, non-implementation of government wage increases and difficulties in acquiring some goods and services by the end of 2016.

#### **Employees:**

The National Library of Romania did not experience large variations in the number of staff compared to previous years.

Staff	Total	Library professionals	Technicians and associate professionals in the technical field Administration professionals Clerical support workers Administrative workers
Number of employees (according to main occupational classification)	228	170	58

**Documents included in our collections in 2016:**

Intangible collections: **57.795** items

Current collections : **15.436** items

Aquisition of documents: **11.078** items

International Exchange of documents: **2.936** items

Donations: **1.209** items

**Users:**

**11.505** new users registerd during the year

**11.637** registered users on Library's social networks

The library's website is constantly being updated with useful information, easy to access by our users

year	No. of visitors	No. of visited pages	visits
2016	203.367	909.613	338.864