Motivation Statement of Candidacy

Candidate for the position of Executive Committee: 2024-2027

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ΕΕΒΕΠ – Ένωση Ελλήνων Βιβλιοθηκονόμων και Επιστημόνων Πληροφόρησης
(Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists, AGLIS)

Present Position: Athens University of Economics and Business Library, Greece

a) How will you engage with EBLIDA Executive Committee members, the director and secretariat?

My previous experience as a member of the ELSIA committee under the guidance of former EBLIDA’s secretary, the cooperation we had with the entire EBLIDA board and the team in organizing the conference in Athens in 2022, my whole experience so far in participating in national and international activities and finally my desire the very good relationship between EBLIDA and the Greek Library Association to be stronger and better, I strongly believe that will allow me not only to engage with but also to contribute to EBLIDA’s vision for a stronger and sustainable library field in Europe.

b) What is the role of EBLIDA in today’s changing European library community, in your opinion?

In an always changing and demanding environment EBLIDA has an extremely important role to play. First is the family for libraries in Europe. It is more than important that libraries can find a place where can submit questions, queries and discuss problems and possible solutions. Furthermore, EBLIDA has been developing tools and applications that can assist libraries in their activities not to mention its contribution to legislation policy subjects and its continuous effort for SDGs agenda. Finally, the experts groups “set strategic aims and advises on specialized topics” which can really help and guide libraries to a new library community.
c) **What relevant international experience do you have to bring to the Executive Committee?**

My international experience is mainly related to participating in international conferences (QQML & IFLA), Erasmus+ visits, cooperation with colleagues from other library associations. In that sense, I believe that I can contribute to EBLIDA’s vision for an equitable, democratic, and sustainable society.