



Motivation Statement of Candidacy

Candidate for the position of Executive Committee:
2024-2027



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I would like to present my motivation for candidacy as a member of the Executive Committee for EBLIDA 2024-2027.

As a new leader in the Norwegian Library Association, I am eager to learn and has a keen interest in expanding my knowledge and contributing internationally. I am engaged in the ongoing development of the dynamic library field, where libraries play a crucial role in ensuring a sustainable society.

I am committed to actively participating in discussions, collaborating closely with the director, committee members, and the secretariat. I will play a proactive role in meetings, ensuring transparency and efficiency, and bringing perspectives from within my own organization.

EBLIDA plays a vital role in today's changing community, with democracy, information, knowledge, and freedom of speech as core values. Libraries play a vital role, and EBLIDA assumes a key position as an organization that unifies and fortifies different types of libraries collectively.

Amidst the swift changes in digitalization, intellectual property challenges, and digital transformation, EBLIDA can facilitate cooperation and awareness across borders, working closely on legislative processes in the EU and the rest of Europe. EBLIDA enables us to join forces in advocating for openness, democracy, and information. We need strong and relevant libraries in todays society.

In my recent role as the leader of the Norwegian Library Association, with a newfound focus on international engagement, I will utilize the network and contacts that the organization has both in EBLIDA and IFLA. I am the president of the International Committee in the Norwegian Library Association. I also have practical international experience from a literacy project in South Americ, and I have the privilege of engaging in knowledge and experience exchanges with colleagues across various European countries.

