



# Motivation Statement of Candidacy

Candidate for the position of Executive Committee:  
2024-2027



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*[2nd Term]*

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Present Position: Director of the Public Library of Évora,  
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Dear Colleagues, members of EBLIDA

My name is Zélia Parreira. I have been a librarian since 1994 and I am the director of the Évora Public Library, an extraordinary library with 219 years of existence.

I'm standing for election as a member of the EBLIDA Executive Committee (EC) for the 2024-2027 term because I believe in the work that this organisation is doing and can continue to do for European libraries.

I've been elected member of the EC for the 2021-2024 term and had the opportunity to work directly on such important issues as drawing up the EBLIDA Strategic Plan and drafting the Guidelines on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe, adopted by the Council of Europe as a Resolution. Over these three years, I believe I've demonstrated my total commitment to achieving the organisation's objectives and missions, as well as my active and collaborative participation in projects. I've also had the opportunity to work directly with all the members of the EC and with the President of the EBLIDA, the Director and the members of the Secretariat, and I had the fortune of maintaining excellent relations with all of them.

I believe that EBLIDA can be a "lighthouse" institution for European libraries. Its work is focused on producing practical guidelines and tools of great utility for libraries and librarians, on the most relevant topics of today. Through its work, EBLIDA is able to offer its members services and tools that

help them overcome the difficulties they are currently facing and take advantage of the opportunities usually generated by moments of crisis and change.

My participation in the previous EBLIDA term allows me to contribute to the stability of the institution, as a factor of continuity, at a time when EBLIDA is undergoing profound changes, both in its profile (which began in recent years and of which I was privileged to take part) and in its governing bodies, with a new President, a new Director and several new members of the EC taking office.

It is therefore with great willingness, commitment, and enthusiasm that I am running for a new term on the EBLIDA Executive Committee.