



# 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 Development Department,  
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With great responsibility I would like to apply my candidacy for the second time for EBLIDA Executive Committee 2024-2027.

I am working at the National library of Latvia as the Director of the Development department. My duties are to follow strategic development of the library, as well to support, consult and advocate for the library field in Latvia in general. Member of EBLIDA Executive committee 2021-2023.

My background - Mg.geogr, spatial development planner, specialized in historic environment. Before this I worked for many years at the National Heritage Board, also as the Deputy Head. Previous education I had in communication sciences, specially - media ethics. Worked in the French Embassy in Latvia, led the elaboration of the Library (mediatheque) in the French Institute in Riga (1999-2006). Member of the ICOMOS Latvia.

As in previous period I am very interested to participate in the Executive committee's work, to contribute in different working groups to support Director and Secretariat, disseminate information and results of EBLIDA work, especially in national level, as well as to contribute on new ideas for the libraries' field in Europe. My experience in the developing of strategic documents, communication and legislation could be useful in the Executive committee's work. I have also international work experience in the culture field. For next year, I am appointed from the Latvian Ministry of Culture as a member to the Open Method of Coordination group "Building bridges: strengthen the multiple roles

of libraries as gateways to and transmitters of cultural works, skills and European values" under the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026.

In my opinion, the role of EBLIDA in today's changing European library community, is to be a hub of networking, advocate on European level which fights for the appreciation of libraries in the democratic European society, incl. funding strategies.

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