



 Knowledge Rights
21 21st Century Access to
Culture, Learning & Research

The Empty Library

The Urgency of Solutions to Unsustainable eBook Markets

Our Goals Today

Explain the KR21 Programme, and opportunities to engage

Explore the challenges faced by libraries in acquiring and giving access to eBooks

Share experience of advocating for change on eBooks

Spread the word: #EmptyLibrary



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Why Knowledge Rights 21



Libraries have a rich experience to share, but one that is not always heard

Advocacy for reform should be a team effort in order to be sustainable

There is unfinished business from the Digital Single Market Directive

Background



Thanks to the generosity of the Arcadia Fund

Running provisionally until July 2024

Covers Council of Europe Member States

Policy Committee, Management Committee and Secretariat

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Sustainable National Advocacy Capacity on Copyright

Identify and support the work of national networks of libraries and library-allied groups

Regional coordinators and national grant-giving

Provide evidence in support of advocacy

Delivering Concrete Policy Change



A better deal for library eLending

Contract override and technological protection measures

Flexible exceptions

Legislated secondary publishing rights

Rights retention

Achieving Change in Brussels



Influencing current EU legislation in relevant areas

Shaping future policy agendas

Influencing national policy discussions

Supporting national advocacy

Opportunities



Calls for tender on contract override, training
(upcoming)

Regional coordinators

National grants

Brussels-national connections

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Legal Solutions to the eBook Dilemma: Enabling Libraries to Act as Libraries

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