




Training in Europe



Survey about training made among different countries in Europe (2007)

- 22 questionnaires – 18 countries answered

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus,
Denmark, France, Germany,
Greece, Italy, Lithuania,
Netherlands, Portugal, Romania,
Russia, Spain, Sweden,
Switzerland, United Kingdom



15 countries have
special training for toy
librarians



3 countries don't have
special training

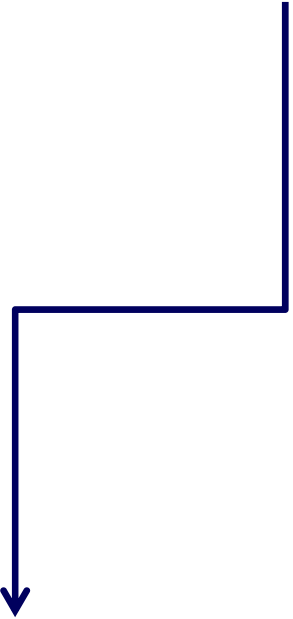
- People are aware that a special training for toy librarians is important.



Target Group

- Most of toy libraries are open to everybody;
- 4 countries have toy libraries for persons with special needs only

Staff Working

- Most of the countries there are professionals and volunteers;
 - 4 countries have only professionals
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National Organization

- In most of the countries the national organization is responsible for the content of the training and provides it
- Some countries is the toy library;
- France and Italy is the University;



Training

- Different training in European countries show a wide range of themes and duration.
 - Duration: To 1 day a year, to 600 hours a year – almost every country offers basic courses of 1 or 2 days a year.
 - Themes: classification, organization of the toy library, right choice of toys and games, financing, appropriate furniture.
- These trainings are usually awarded by a certificate of attendance.



Training

- Some countries offer trainings of 11 days – Professional training.
 - Themes: run a toy library from a to z, administrative aspects, financing, importance of play, market for toys and games, communication, teamwork, media training, marketing
 - In some countries participants have to write a final paper
- These trainings are usually awarded by a certificate or a diploma.



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- Some countries offers a course “management of a non-profit organization” this is for CEO’s of toy libraries.
 - Themes: management, business plans, role of a toy library in the society, cultural impact of play, leadership
- These trainings are usually awarded by a certificate or a diploma.



Training

- 3 countries offers trainings of 5 months, or 600 hours
- 2 countries – Italy and France – offer a training at the University
- These trainings are awarded by a degree
- Most of the trainings are recognized by the national association and/or by the toy libraries, only 2 get recognition from the government



Looking towards the future

- It is the moment to propose the recognition of toy librarians training respecting the complexity of the functions that perform the level of competences required and the cultural, educational, and social responsibility in the work that they develop.