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Introduction

This document provides the template for the development of the Case Studies on digital transformation in libraries.

The ADELE project aims to contribute to the internationalisation of organisations that choose a path of digital transformation. Through the network they can connect, collaborate, compare, and exchange ideas with organisations across Europe and beyond.

The 100 case studies are aimed at initiating the digital transformation of libraries and inspiring libraries that want to improve their performance on certain areas of the tool.

The areas of the ADELE tool cover the use of digital technologies in libraries from different perspectives: management, infrastructure and equipment but also lifelong learning, users training opportunities and community and stakeholders involvement.

The case studies may be linked to an activity, a service, a new professional profile, an initiative, a place or a library infrastructure in line with the areas and the statements of the ADELE tool. We aim to create a database of good practices to foster innovation and the adoption of digital practices in the library.

Library presenting the case study
(Name, city, website and contact
details)

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<p>Title of the case study</p>	<p>Libraries: information technology and prisons</p>
<p>Area of ADELE tool illustrated by the case study <i>Please underline the selected area</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Management</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Infrastructure, Equipment and Support</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Continuing Professional Development</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Self-reflection on digital competences</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Learning opportunities on digital competences for users</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Collaboration, Networking, and Community</i>
<p>Description of the experience: aim, methods and outcomes</p>	<p>The Italian Penitentiary System establishes that a library service must be present at each Penitentiary Institute as a significant resource for the realization of the treatment of prisoners and internees. The regulations provide for agreements with the public libraries and reading centers present in the area where the institute is located and that prisoners and internees are favored as much as possible in the use of this service. This type of initiative constitutes a form of participation of the external community in the treatment and re-educational activity of prisoners.</p> <p>A five-year renewable memorandum of understanding was stipulated for organic collaboration between the Monte Claro Library System of the Cagliari Metropolitan City and the library service of the local prison.</p> <p>Thanks to the agreement, the prison library can thus benefit from professional resources, functional coordination, library sciences consultancy, technological support for computerization, administrative management of the library service of the Monte Claro Library System.</p> <p>The focus of the collaboration is the use of information technology, which provides basic training on the use of computers (software and support for office automation systems such as word processing and spreadsheets, as well as the computer to run them), applications, inventory and loan management, index searches, providing assistance to the penitentiary institution for the creation of an internal local area network (LAN), for connection to territorial networks (WAN) and to the OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalog) that allows bibliographic searches in the collective catalog of the Italian libraries participating in the National Library Service (SBN) compatibly with the security needs of the prison.</p> <p>Interlibrary loan and document delivery are also important, on a reciprocal basis, to allow access to the collections of libraries in Sardinia and the rest of Italy through the Monte Claro Library System. The basic training course aims to teach basic procedures (inventory, cataloguing, placement, borrowing books, stamping, labeling) plus any additional topics that may be necessary.</p> <p>At least once a year, a check is carried out, including the use of targeted questionnaires, with prison operators and inmates in the organization and use of the service.</p>
<p>Resources needed to implement the idea Please, provide any link and/or send them in attachment</p>	<p>Personal computer, label printer and consumables. Librarians and computer scientists as trainers. Office automation tools</p>
	<p>Staff of the voluntary associations operating at the prison library</p>





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Target groups	Prisoners Other employees of the prison institution
Elements of innovation	The key objective of this project is to offer a minimum of digital competences to prisoners to give them greater opportunities for the reintegration into society at the end of the detention period.
Tips to other library staff using this idea	Establish a valid memorandum of understanding with the prison management. Always maintain an open dialogue with the people involved. Have a good ability to collaborate in a difficult context
Keywords	#libraryprison #digitalskills #digitalinclusion
References	https://www.unionesarda.it/cultura/biblioteche-a-cagliari-un-accordo-tra-citta-metropolitana-e-carcere-th5rv0ry https://www.ansa.it/sardegna/notizie/2018/04/20/carcere-uta-porte-aperte-a-biblioteche_2136dbd9-d2c3-4e54-85eb-f461c2c7a629.html



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