

### Responding institution:

### Biblioteca Di Stato E Beni Librari Della Repubblica Di San Marino

This is San Marino's first response to the World Report. It concerns 15 public library service points and 23 research libraries (including 3 university research libraries, 5 school libraries and 15 government-funded research libraries).

In December 2002, the Internet penetration for San Marino was estimated at 45.2% (*CIA World Factbook*, 2007 edition). It is estimated that 81-100% of public, university and school libraries offer Internet access to their users, while Internet access for government-funded research libraries is estimated at 61-80%.

There is very little Internet coverage of local content, but very good coverage of the local languages. The respondent has estimated the literacy rate for San Marino at 93% (96% according to the 2007 *CIA World Factbook*).

Access to the Internet is free of charge for all libraries. During the last two years the state and other library authorities have, in some instances, made extra funding available for Internet access in the library system.

The library community in San Marino is in favour of filtering information on library Internet terminals. Filtering software is therefore to a certain degree widespread in the country's libraries for the protection of children.

Libraries in San Marino are not troubled by anti-terror legislation. Neither have there been incidents of violation of intellectual freedom. The respondent has suggested the following sources for more information on the status of intellectual freedom in San Marino:

- Legge 8/07/1974 Carta dei diritti
- Legge 18/03/2003 n. 30 Retifica ed esecuzione del Protocollo n. 12 alla Convenzione per la Salvaguardia per i Diritti dell'umo e delle Libertà Fondamentali del Consiglio d'Europa

Libraries in San Marino have not been involved in programmes promoting HIV/Aids awareness or in programmes to provide HIV/Aids information to members of the community who cannot read. They have also not been involved in special programmes to promote women's literacy or women's access to information.

The library community of San Marino has not adopted a code of ethics. Although the IFLA Internet Manifesto has been adopted, the IFLA Glasgow Declaration has not but it is planned to do so within the next two years.

## User privacy and anti-terror legislation

No anti-terror legislation has been passed in San Marino. The respondent is of the opinion that if such legislation should be adopted, it would impact on user privacy. The keeping of library user records, however, will not affect the individual Internet library user's freedom of expression.

# Reported incidents/violations of intellectual freedom in the past two years

According to the respondent there have been no reported incidents of violation of intellectual freedom. Nothing on the violation of intellectual freedom could be traced in third-party sources. An IFEX report states that San Marino was one of only 12 countries from a possible 55 members of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) that had no press violations recorded in 1999-2000 (http://www.ifex.org/en/content/view/full/12052).

### HIV/Aids awareness

Libraries in San Marino have not been involved in programmes promoting HIV/Aids awareness or in providing HIV/Aids information to members of the community who are unable to read. It does not appear to be considered the role of libraries as such.

### Women and freedom of access to information

Due to the high literacy rate, libraries in San Marino

have not been involved in special programmes to promote women's literacy or women's access to information.

### **IFLA Internet Manifesto**

The library community of San Marino has adopted the IFLA Internet Manifesto.

## IFLA Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom

The IFLA Glasgow Declaration has not been adopted by the library community, but it intends to do so within the next two years.

### **Ethics**

The library community of San Marino has not adopted a code of ethics. It does, however, intend to do so within the next two years.

## **Main indicators**

Country name: San Marino

Population: 29 615 (July 2007 est.)

Main language: Italian

Literacy: 96%

Literacy reported by respondent: 93%

Population figures, language and literacy are from the CIA World Factbook, 2007 edition

(https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html).



## Libraries and Internet access

San Marino participated for the first time in the IFLA/FAIFE World Report in 2007. No comparisons can therefore be made with previous reports.

### Library services

Estimated number of public libraries\*: 15

Estimated number of school libraries: 5

Estimated number of university libraries: 3

Estimated number of government-funded research libraries: 15

Source of these numbers: Legislative

#### Internet access

Population online\*\*: 14 300 Internet users as of Dec. 2002 (45.4%)

Percentage of public libraries offering Internet access to users: 81-100%

Percentage of school libraries offering Internet access to users: 81-100%
Percentage of university libraries offering Internet access to users: 81-100%

Percentage of government-funded research libraries offering Internet access to users: 61-80%

In your estimate, how much local content\*\*\* is available on the Internet: Very little

To what degree is content on the Internet available in local languages: Very much

Is the library association in favour of filtering information on library Internet terminals:

Is the use of filtering software widespread in your country's libraries:

Yes, to a certain degree – for the protection of

children

Yes

Is it free of charge for library users to access the Internet on library computers:

Has the state or other library authorities made any extra funding available for Internet access in the library system of your country in the last two years:

Yes, in all libraries Yes, in some cases

<sup>\*</sup> Public library service points, including branch libraries.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Online population numbers are from Internet World Stats (www.internetworldstats.com).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Local content is defined as content that originates in the country.