# **ENSULIB’s Annual report 2018-2019 (Summary)**

## ENSULIB’s action plan 2018–2019 was based on the general aims that ENSULIB increases its ability to promote environmental awareness: the working of the unit should become more effective with visibility increased worldwide. Moreover, the aim was that the discussion of Green and Sustainable Libraries gains momentum and receives much more attention. During 2018 -2019, the number of involved members has been growing steadily and now there are many instititutions which would agree to become members when ENSULIB becomes a section. The original plan was that, by 2021, the SIG will have grown into a section, which will amplify the group’s engagement within IFLA. Unfortunately, ENSULIB did not have permission to begin the transition process in 2019.

## Other objectives for ENSULIB 2018–2019 were the following:

## 1. Increase the ability to promote environmental awareness: the working of the unit becomes more effective with visibility increased worldwide. This progress helps us contribute Key Initiatives in the future and promote the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## 2. The discussion of Green and Sustainable Libraries is gaining momentum and receives more attention. ENSULIB is increasingly promoting libraries' commitment to the implementation of the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. Environmental sustainability is also included in the IFLA Global Vision. These two main objective were attained by the following actions:

## ENSULIB’s Open Session “Let's Change Now: Libraries Driving Sustainability”, in IFLA WLIC 2019;

## Joint session with IFLA HQ “Libraries and Sustainability: Examples, Supporters, Educators” in IFLA WLIC 2019;

1. IFLA Green Library Award 2019 and Awards presentation in IFLA WLIC 2019;

## Lightning Talk, “10 Reasons for Environmental Commitment in Public Libraries” in IFLA WLIC 2019;

## Inofficial Business Meeting, Meet and Greet ENSULIB! in IFLA WLIC 2019;

1. ENSULIB’s book project: Going Green: Implementing Sustainable Strategies in Libraries Around the World: Buildings, Management, Programmes, and Services. Edited by Petra Hauke, Harri Sahavirta, and Madeleine Charney. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Saur, 2018. (IFLA Publications, 177) ), online available with open access at <https://edoc.hu-berlin.de/handle/18452/60>

## ENSULIB members participated also the First International Green Library Conference in Zagreb as key note speakers (<http://letsgogreen.nsk.hr/announcement/first-announcement/>) and Next Library conference in Berlin (<http://www.nextlibrary.net/berlin-satellite-2018>).

## 3. Contribution to the IFLA Strategic Plan/Key Initiatives: IFLA's strategic directions for 2016–2021 are: 1. Libraries in Society, 2. Information and Knowledge, 3. Cultural Heritage, 4. Capacity Building. ENSULIB has been targeting all these demands:

## 1) Fostering green libraries that play an important role in raising awareness in terms of the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

## 2) Disseminating information and creating knowledge on environmental sustainability as one of the major challenges of our time

## 3) Disseminating information and knowledge about the effect of climate change to cultural heritage objectives.

4) Encouraging libraries to play a role as examples through sustainable buildings and practices, as educators in promoting and as enablers in promoting sustainability research (<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/81763>).