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Research Area (failing down menu, Frascati Manual)
Information Science

Thematic Focus
Library Science and Documentation

Stakeholders involved
Middle size public institutions as libraries and archives

Research Phase
Finalised

TransPa_BA.
Evaluation of transparency in information units: libraries and archives

TransPa_BA is a tool designed to measure transparency in libraries and archives, in accordance with the activity publicity obligations required by Spanish Law 19/2013, of December 9, on Transparency, Access to Public Information and Good Governance (LTAIPBG).

It is inspired by the MESTA model (Methodology for the Evaluation and Monitoring of Transparency in Public Activity), facilitated by the Council for Transparency and Good Governance. Its objective is that those responsible for libraries and archives interested in the transparency of their institutions, dependent on the Public Administration, can know the degree of compliance with the obligations of active publicity dictated by the Law adapted to these cultural entities

TransPa_BA is presented in an Excel workbook with two sheets. In the first one is the tool itself with the information obligations (indicators) in terms of active advertising, adapted from articles 6 to 8 of Chap. II of the Law. On the second page are the instructions for assessing the attributes as properties or qualities of the information that were considered of interest to be taken into account (presentation, content, form, reuse, accessibility, dating and updating). To assess the attributes corresponding to each indicator, the available score is chosen in each cell, according to the criteria explained on the second page.

It is made up of a total of 20 indicators (for public libraries), 21 (for university libraries) and 22 (for archives) grouped into 8 areas. The total sum of the values of all indicators amounts to 100 points. Each indicator has a different weight established based on the assessment provided by those responsible for the libraries and archives through a survey in which they were asked to evaluate each indicator and each of the areas. Hence, TransPa_BA is offered in four models, one for each type of entity or service: public libraries, university libraries, historical archives and university archives.

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POTENTIAL VALORISATION AREAS

- Collaboration with public libraries, university libraries, historical archives and university archives committed to transparency

- Consulting
We would like the tool to be used by libraries and archives so that we receive feedback on its usefulness in improving active advertising, as well as points for improving it, if applicable

DESCRIPTION OF VALORISATION ACTIVITY

- New research
- New publications
- New tool: TransPa_BA

TransPa_BA, based on MESTA and integrated by a set of indicators associated with transparency, it is intended for both libraries and archives of any kind that are committed to transparency.

- Improvement of the information given to the citizens
- Contribution to the fulfillment of the SDGs, in particular Goal 16, whose Goal 16.6 is to "Create effective and transparent institutions that are accountable at all levels."

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Being transparent through the web is mandatory for institutions that have their own legal entity but, above all, it is an attitude that adds value to any institution.
For middle-size libraries and archives, TransPa_BA offers a good solution to help in the process of achieving transparency.

VALORISATION TARGETS/POTENTIAL FUTURE COLLABORATORS

- Public libraries, university libraries, historical archives and university archives interested in the use and implementation of TransPa_BA

- Libraries and archives interested in use and applying the tool in other countries

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