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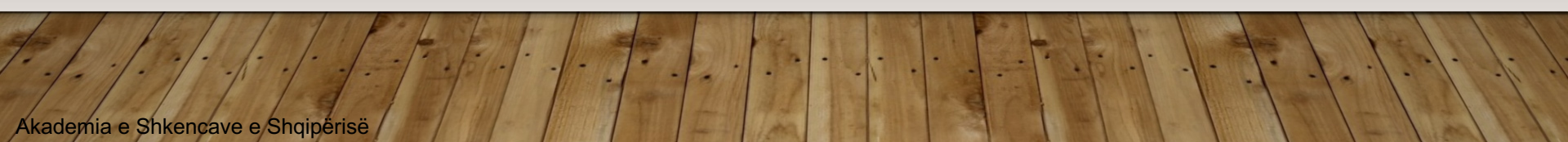
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OVERVIEW

Unlike all the countries of the region where the National COBISS Center is the National Library, the implementation of COBISS system in Albania from 2012 - 2018 owes its existence to the harmonious cooperation between Academy of Sciences of Albania and the Institute of Information Sciences (IZUM), Maribor, Slovenia.
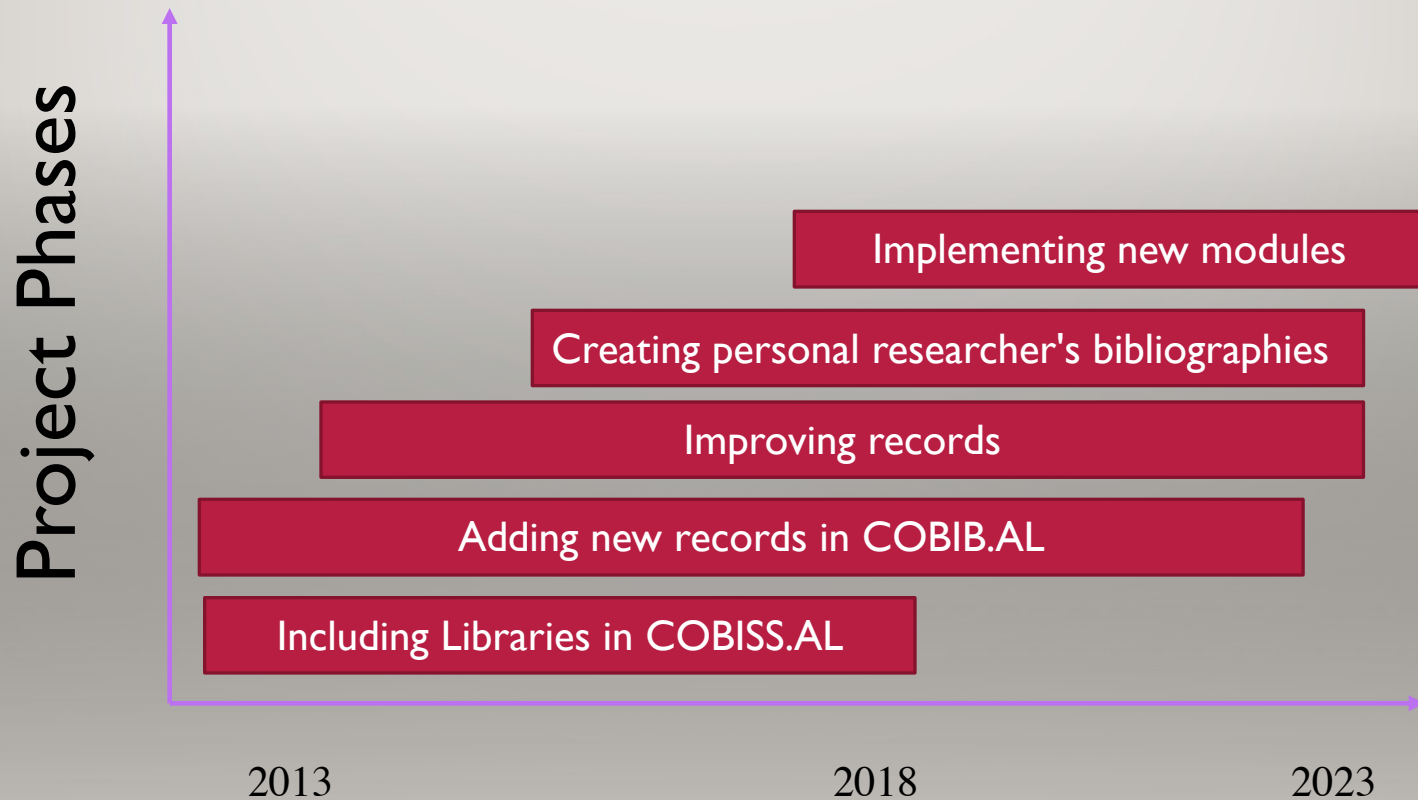
This is based on the project of "Co-operation and Creation of a national bibliographic system for the evaluation of scientific research results in Albania".

Starting Point/Objectives

- Including new libraries in the COBISS.AL system

- Training of cataloguers and exams for issuing permits

- Increasing the number of bibliographic records and records of collections

- Preparation of the bibliographies of scientific researchers

- Improving the quality of the sharing database

Project Phases

REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

- Meetings with decision-makers in the field of libraries (directors of libraries, rectors of universities, directors of the institutions from which libraries depends upon).

- Meetings cataloguers for motivating and encouraging them to increase the results of their work.

- Continuous support for catalogers at professional and technical level.

- The improvement of the level of training courses (editing lectures, improving examples, providing infrastructure of required equipment).

- The improvement of the service usability.

- Better understanding of the shared cataloguing and improving the quality of bibliographic records.
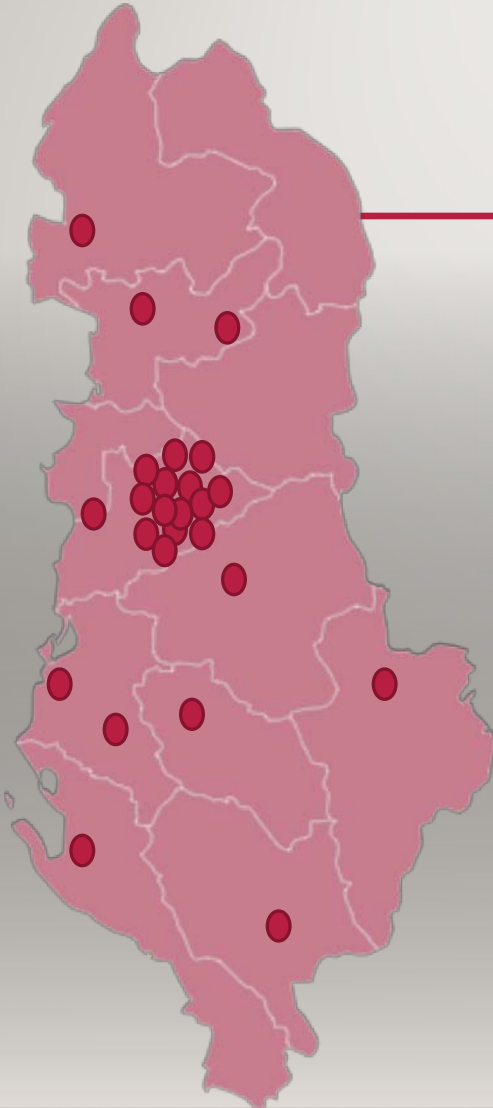
ACTIVITIES AND GOALS

No.	Project Activities	Goals
1	Inclusion of new libraries - full members in the COBISS.AL system	Increasing the sharing and unique catalog in Albania
2	Professional assistance for COBISS application users was provided.	Improvement of the productivity and increasing the quality of bibliographic databases.
3	Training of cataloguers and exams for issuing licenses	Obtaining the necessary professional knowledge and being able to use the COBISS program
4	Translation into Albanian language, editing and updating the material for the implementation of the COBISS.AL system	Maintenance for catalogers in the process of training, testing, user management in the COBISS program, online manuals, news, etc. in the Qualification Portal
5	Preparation of the bibliographies of scientific researchers	Encouraging Albanian researchers to achieve results through the COBISS system
6	Technical support (program installations and label's printers etc.)	We help libraries to carry out their work
7	Clearing of the database of duplicates resulting from conversion of records from other or duplicate databases made by catalogers	Improving the quality of the sharing database

CHALLENGES

- Financial budget problems;

- Problems with library storage environments;

- Staff management issues;

- Problems of planning and management of library

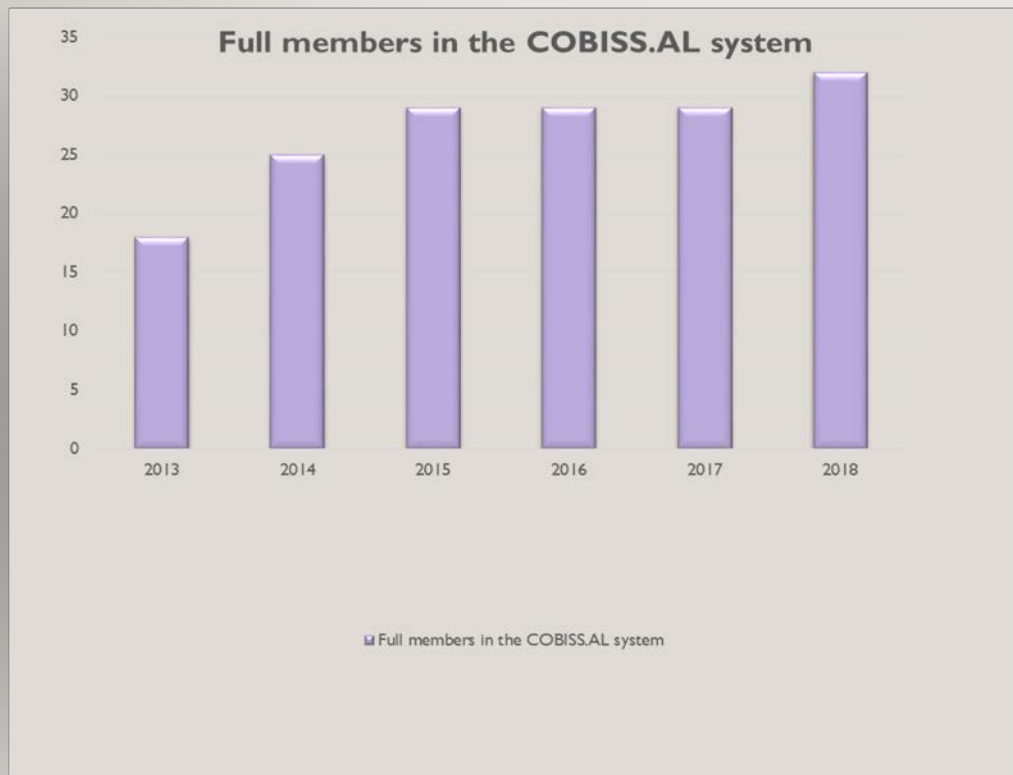- Relations with government institutions and various donor organizations

FULL MEMBERS IN THE COBISS.AL SYSTEM

In the system are included 32 libraries from all over Albania.

- 19 university libraries

- 2 special libraries

- 11 public libraries

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For 2018 we have included these new libraries

- Public Library "Qemal Baholli", Elbasan

- University College "Wisdom", Tirana

- Public Library Roskovec, Fier

Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo participates for the first time in training courses for COBISS.AL.
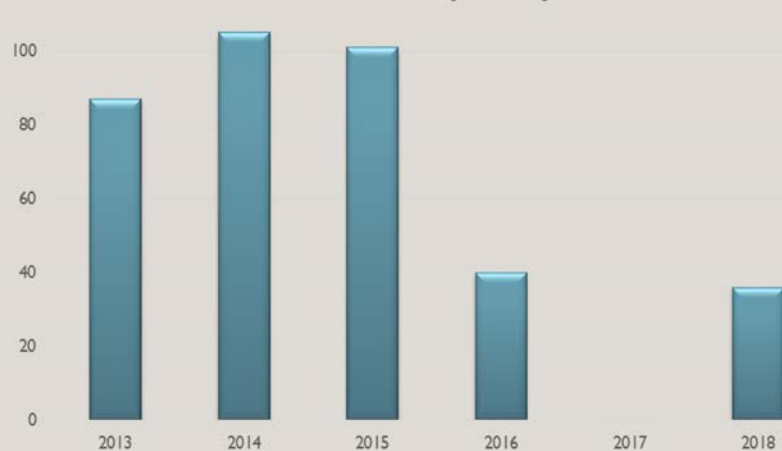
THE NUMBER OF COURSE DAYS

On 2018 number of training courses day were 15 days.

During year 2017 we were on phase of 3rd and 4th of project by improving and creating bibliographic records for personal researcher's bibliographies.

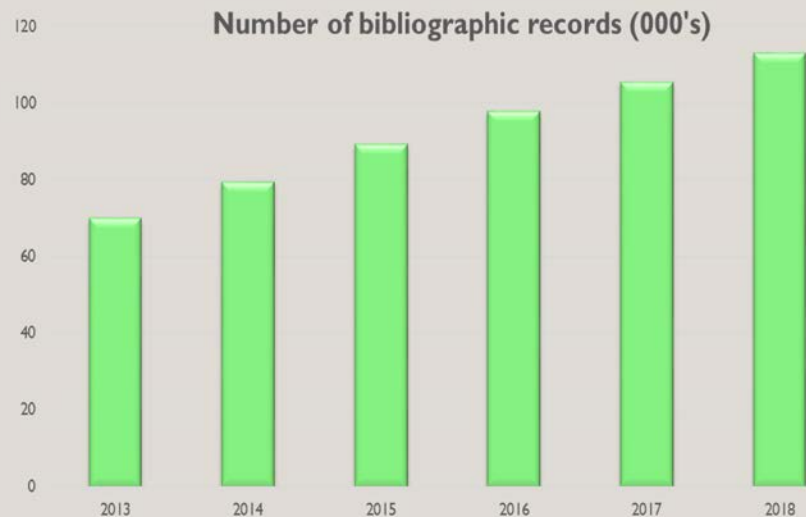# THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN COBISS.AL TRAINING

67 cataloguers from 32 libraries

Permit A (monography) - 56 cataloguers

Permit B1 (serials) - 24 cataloguers

Permit B2 (articles) - 25 cataloguers

THE NUMBER OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS IN COBIB.AL

Number of bibliographic records (000's)

Until 20 November, 2018 - 113,445 bibliographic records

For 2016-2018 – 15,223 records

There is a consistent increasing of recording for the last 5 years.

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE LIBRARIES IN ALBANIA

- Public Library, Durres (BPDU)

- AUT, Scientific Library (UBT)

- Public Library, Rreshen (BPRR)

- European University library (UET)

- Library of Prime Minister's Office, Tirana (BKRY)

- Academy of Science of Albania (BASH)

- UT, Faculty of Law (UTFDT)

THE NUMBER OF PERSONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES RECORDED

Number of personal bibliographies prepared (00's)

- **The first online bibliography** , as model and innovation for all Albanian libraries

- The Conference "*Scientific Bibliographies - a new service for approaching scientific research closer to users" held in Academy of Science of Albania, on September 2017"*

FUTURE PROJECT'S PLAN

- Including new libraries in COBISS.AL

- Increasing the number of bibliographic records and records of collections in COBIB.AL

- Implementation of COBISS+ for COBISS.AL - the new generation of COBISS / OPAC software

- Creation of new online bibliographies of academics and researchers from different fields of knowledge

- Collaboration with the database of scientific researchers ECRIS.AL (Information System for Research Activities in Albania) for filling in personal data and the scientific creativity of Albanian collaborators for their recognition by Albanian and foreign users.

FUTURE PROJECT'S PLAN

- Professional training for new librarians which are cataloging in this system

- The course program will be advanced with the introduction and implementation of the library borrowing automation module which will modernize and speed up this process of service-to-users

CONCLUSION

- In the early years, there was a flow of libraries implementing COBISS. As a result, the courses and the number of licenses were high. This is because they were the main libraries of the country and hoped that the national library would soon take on its leading role in this process.

- Increasing the number of bibliographic records goes on steady steps for the reasons mentioned above.

- Cataloguers are preparing online bibliographies.

- Some of the libraries will go through the process of implementing the loan module.

- Improving the quality of bibliographic records by encouraging and harmonizing the cataloging rules with international recommendations and standards will be our priority.

INVITATION FOR COOPERATION

Given the importance of this process and the inclusion in the COBISS System of the major Balkan national libraries, we soon hope that the National Library of Albania will also become part of this sharing regional system.

THANK YOU!