

## **The contribution of libraries in bridging of digital divide and ensuring equal and free access to information.**

Today we are experiencing the era of informative revolution as a result of the rapid development of new applications of technology and communications, which runs through almost professional and everyday life as well.

This is a revolution which is based on information, mere the expression of human knowledge. Technological advances now provide the opportunity for treatment, storage, retrieval and transmission of information in any form- oral, written or visual- regardless of distance, time and volume.

The Information Society is the society of learning meaning that knowledge, and especially the development of cognitive skills can not be a fragmentary process, but must become a systematic and sustained effort.

The Informative Society holds the potential to improve the lives of citizens, the effectiveness of social, economic organization and the support of cohesion.

Science and technology must increase, not reduce the freedom and choices of everyone but to aim to alleviate the inequality, injustice and discrimination.

The digital gap includes a variety of other gaps, which may have an unequal global distribution of sources. This means lack of access to Communication technology and Information (ICTs), a gap in the acquisition of skills which are needed for use these sources, a gap between the poor and the rich in the ability to have access to the information they need and then a gap in education which is translated as a lack of skills needed to access and absorb information.

The promotion of equal and free access to information for all users is a claim for all libraries and the Technology of Communication and Information is a key factor for this route.

Libraries, because of their mission and organization in the international level, are considered to be the suitable institutions who guarantee the right of universal access to citizens.

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