2024

Action plan
The Alliance, a space for experimentation and reflection through the Bibliodiversity Observatory

Continue the analyses, reflections and advocacy via the 4 thematic working groups

**Book ecology**
- Contributing to the Guide to Good Practice

**Digital publishing**
- Workshops on artificial intelligence (workshops in English, Spanish and French)

**Public book policies**
- Mapping public book policies in the Arab world: launch as part of a book fair in the Arab world at the end of 2024
- Guide to Good Practice for public book purchasing (see here): translation and adaptation of this Guide, which was initiated by the Alliance's Spanish-language network, for other geographical and linguistic areas.

**Freedom to publish**
- Publication of transversal analyses and a series of interviews and podcasts

**Equipping and documenting international independent publishing**

**Guide to Good Practice (see here)**
The Guide to Good Practice has been designed as a concrete and practical application of the Pamplona-Iruña Declaration "For independent, decolonial, ecological, feminist, free, social and solidarity-based publishing", written and validated collectively by the members of the Alliance.

This Guide is a work in progress; several entries need to be added to it – they will be thanks to the thematic working groups whose task will be to make proposals and add to these entries.

**Bibliodiversité journal (see here)**
To be published in October 2024: an special issue on precariousness.
The Alliance, a space for collaboration and sharing

Sharing practices and expertise between publishers; meeting up and strengthening the flow of exchanges

Workshops and exchanges of know-how, within the thematic groups and as part of Babelica

- Virtual meetings, workshops and training sessions on themes defined with the Alliance’s thematic groups (with a particular focus on artificial intelligence and other themes).
- On-site training (venue to be confirmed) for publishing houses in French-speaking Africa
- Professional meetings at the Brussels Book Fair (4-7 April 2024)
The Alliance, a tool for the promotion and the visibility of independent publishing

To encourage the visibility and promotion of independent publishing; to promote the circulation of books and other publications by independent publishing houses

Babelica (see here), September 2024 (book fair, meetings and discussions dedicated to international independent publishing)

The Babelica Book Fair (see here) is open to independent publishing houses (whether or not they are members of the Alliance).

Babelica 2024 program (see 2023 program here):
- round tables
- workshops
- publisher profiles and book presentations
- readings
- rights market

Tehran Book Fair, Uncensored (see here)

This fair, organised by the Persian-language network, is usually held between May and June in several cities in Europe and the United States.

Presence of members at book fairs and exhibitions in 2024

Important dates in 2024 (non-exhaustive list)
- Cairo International Book Fair (Egypt), 26 January-6 February
- Rentrée littéraire (Mali), 20-24 February
- Geneva Book Fair (Switzerland), 6-10 March
- Brussels Book Fair (Belgium), 4-7 April
- Livres d'ailleurs (Nancy, France) - dates to come
- Bologna Children's Book Fair (Italy), 7-9 April
- Feria internacional del libro de Buenos Aires (Argentina), 25 April-13 May
- Abidjan International Book Fair (Côte d'Ivoire) - dates to be confirmed
- Tehran Book Fair, Uncensored (Europe and North America) - dates to be confirmed
- LITERAL (Barcelona, Spain), 24-25 May
- International Book and Publishing Fair, Rabat (Morocco) - dates to be confirmed
- Frankfurt Book Fair (Germany), 16-20 October
- Primavera del libro (Chile) - dates to be confirmed
- Sharjah International Book Fair - dates to be confirmed
- Guadalajara International Book Fair (Mexico) - dates to be confirmed
- Yaoundé Children's Book Fair and Comic Book Fair (Cameroon) - dates to be confirmed

The Alliance, a laboratory of alternative publishing practices
Pursue and strengthen solidarity-based publishing partnerships (transfer of rights, translations, co-publications, etc.)

Publishing groups by catalogue affinity (literature, humanities and social sciences and children's literature)
- online project fairs (transfer of rights, exchanges on publishing projects)
- support for transfer of rights and co-publications (see here)

Publishing projects in progress and/or under consideration
Here are a few examples:
- *Terra viva* by Vandana Shiva: translation project into Arabic and Persian
- project to co-publish comic books in the French-language network
- other projects confirmed during the year