

# 2024 Action plan



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# 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

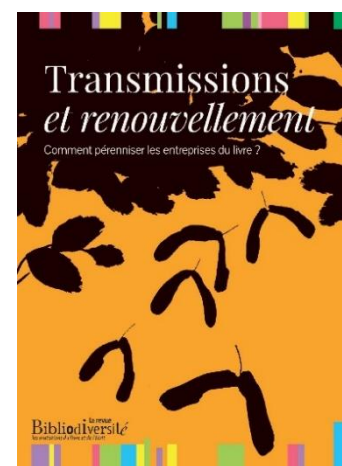
### Guide to Good Practice ([see here](#))

The Guide to Good Practice has been designed as a concrete and practical application of the [Pamplona-Iruñea 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

