



Working Together in an Uncertain World - The European Print Initiatives Collaboration

What is EPICo?

- EPICo is an **informal network** of programs for print preservation across Europe.
- The **vision is to support the safeguarding of printed research collections** across Europe, ensuring they are preserved in a reliable and sustainable way, supporting researchers both now and in the future.
- The **mission of EPICo is to facilitate shared print library collaborations** across Europe by providing a forum for national and academic European research libraries to share their collective expertise on storage, preservation, descriptive metadata and sustainability.



Special Interest Groups

Metadata SIG has created guidelines for the use of the 583 MARC field to add standardized retention information to facilitate future analysis of data.

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Print Storage Solutions SIG promotes best practice in print storage applications, both large automated and smaller conventional stores, by providing a forum for collaboration, networking and information sharing.



British Library, Boston Spa



Büren, Switzerland

Get Involved!

- **Institutional Membership** for shared print programs
- **Join a SIG** to participate and learn from colleagues
- Follow EPICo on Instagram and LinkedIn
- Contact EPICo: info@epico-libraries.eu
- EPICo website: <https://epico-libraries.eu/>

Part of a Global Community



EPICo collaborates with the Shared Print Metadata Group (SPMG) of the North American Print Archive Network (PAN), and the Australian CAVAL collaboration

EPICo in Practice

- 15 Institutional Members (2026)
- National, academic and special libraries
- Central or distributed storage
- Work with monographs and/or journals



Examples:

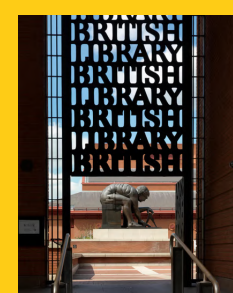
- UK Print Book Collection – aligning with EPICo metadata guidelines
- Shared Print Sweden – distributed storage, minimum number of saved copies
- Shared Archiving Austria – one print copy of electronically available journals



Welcome to the EPICo Conference at the British Library, London

29 September-2 October 2026

Libraries Together: Safeguarding Our Collections for the Future



Poster Presenters:

Karin Byström (Uppsala University Library), Hannah Mateer (University of Edinburgh Library) and Wolfgang Mayer (Vienna University Library)

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