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THE NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OF SLOVENIA PROTECTION AND RESCUE PLAN

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1. Brief introduction

National and University Library of Slovenia Protection and Rescue Plan

• First draft: February 2023
• In align with existing municipal and national emergency plans
• Follows IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Materials, ISO Standards on collection management and the Slovenian Act on the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Fire Safety Act
• Workshop with Jeanne Drewes held in October 2019
 Contents

• **Risk identification** – Types of risks that could endanger NUK’s collections.

• **Risk assessment** – We tried to assess the risk of every location and collection at NUK. We used the ABC method of Michalski and Pedersoli.

• **Disaster prevention** – How to prevent damages and destruction of library collections in advance.

• **Disaster response** – What are the immediate actions when a disaster occurs.

• **Damage mitigation** – How to safe the library collections after the disaster.
3. EXPERIENCES

- First draft prepared upon literature review of manuals, standards, foreign emergency plans ... etc.
- In practice the situation was a little different ...
- Good experience for everyone:
  - priorities for premises maintenance and collections management
  - evacuation plans, infographics for all departments
  - disaster equipment planning
  - responsibilities assignments
  - additional document and forms in case of a disaster
4. RECOMMENDATIONS

• It is not a desk-top task!
• Go through all collections personally and speak with staff
• Involve collection management professionals in planning
• Infographics are crucial
• Raise awareness among staff
• Get highest management support
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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