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From idea to reality: planning, the brief, the process

Abstract

Following the assessment of the last two seminars organised by the LIBER Architecture Group in Warsaw (2000) and Leipzig (2002), it appeared that a certain number of participants from those seminars wished to have a re-run of the various organisational phases involved in operations for buildings, extending or restructuring libraries: the motivation being to ensure the clear definition of the associated processes and identify the various players and their respective roles, together with the actions required at various times to ensure the harmonious implementation of the construction program.

The paper will describe this process from certain aspects, in particular: the team formed by the Library and its partners, financing the operation, the program, the choice of Architect, the obligatory Program Phases and the time required for each, and finally, the "additional sites" accompanying the main project.

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