**LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in Cyprus**

### LIBRARIES IN CYPRUS

- **10%** of the total population.
- There are **110,000 REGISTERED USERS** in Cypriot public libraries.
- **2.500.000 TOTAL PRINT VOLUMES** in Cypriot libraries.
- **300,000 BOOK LOANS** in Cypriot libraries each year.
- **50%** of them offer internet access.

**THERE ARE 142 LIBRARIES IN CYPRUS**

- **One library per 7.746 inhabitants**.

### SKILLS IN CYPRUS

- Cyprus ranks **22** on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI).
- **7%** of Cypriot adults participate in life-long learning activities.
- **20%** of Cypriot employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills.

**% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS**

- **20%** (EU average: **20%**)
- **12%** (Cyprus: **12%**)

**% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS**

- **24%** (EU average: **24%**)
- **15%** (Cyprus: **15%**)

**HOW GOOD ARE THE CYPRIOTS ONLINE?**

- **7%** of adults have basic or above basic Digital Skills (% of individuals).  

**Did You Know?**

- Millions of people access the Internet for the first time in a public library.

*Information drawn from: European Commission Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2016; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); TNS Global Survey Measuring perceptions of the benefits of ICT in public libraries in the EU; the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) and the Cyprus Association of Librarians – Information Scientists (ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ ΕΥΘΩΡΗ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΕΥΤΙΚΗ). *Does not include data from the area of the Republic of Cyprus occupied by Turkish troops since 1974, which is currently not under the control of the Republic.*