**PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND SKILLS IN ITALY**

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ITALY:**
- 7,425 TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES
- ALL of them offer internet access
- 100% wi-fi access
- There are 32,8 MLN BOOK LOANS in Italian public libraries in 2022
- The libraries WERE VISITED 29,6 MLN TIMES
- There are 18,000 PEOPLE in public libraries STAFF in Italy
- 3,7 MLN REGISTERED USERS

**SKILLS IN ITALY:**
- 89% individuals who are Regular Internet Users
- 83% at least basic Digital Skills
- 16% Female ICT specialists
- 52% Share of women aged 16-74 with at least basic digital skills
- 43% Youth (16-19) with basic or above basic digital skills
- 58% Participation in active citizenship (16-24 years)
- Italy ranks 18 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)

**Information drawn from:** The Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2022; Eurostat; European Union; IFLA’s Library Map of the World; and National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)