

# Removing the Accessibility Lock



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# Lithuanian Audiosensory Library (LAB)

- Special library established in 1966.
- LAB is the biggest producer of publications in accessible formats in Lithuania.
- A competence of information services for persons with visual and reading impairments.
- Created and develops virtual library ELVIS – over 16 000 books in accessible formats.



# The same book at the same time for everyone?

Only 15% of total books titles in Lithuania are accessible to people with print impairment.



# The Marrakesh Treaty

## Beneficiaries:

- the blind;
- visually impaired;
- people with print disability;
- people who cannot focus or hold the book in their hands.

1

The first copyright treaty based on human rights principles.

2

Possibility to exchange publications across borders.

3

The Treaty is now officially in force in more than 120 countries worldwide, including all 27 in the EU.

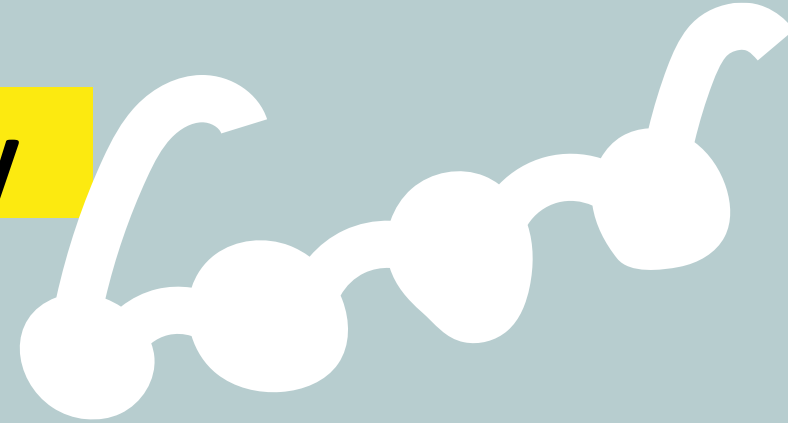
As a Member State of the EU, Lithuania ratified the Treaty in 2018.

# Practical workshop in Lithuania

- organized in Vilnius, 2019;
- attended by specialists from neighboring countries;
- approved the guidelines for the Treaty implementation.



# Worldwide instruments implementing the Marrakesh Treaty



## **ABC Global Book Service (WIPO)**

is online catalogue, that allows participating Authorized Entities to obtain content they need.

## **Bookshare (Benetech, US)**

is an online library of works in accessible formats for people with print disabilities (paid service).

## Other cross-border exchanges

Books exchange between LAB and Polish Library.

Exchange of publications with Estonia.

ELVIS users in various countries abroad.



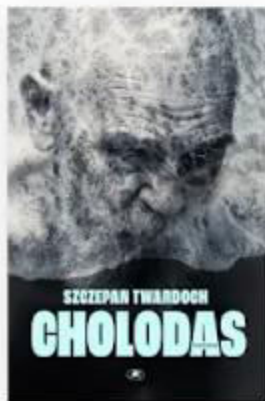


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# The Marrakesh Treaty in the face of war



# Active steps to open Access to Ukrainian content

1

Cooperation with NGO in Ukraine.

2

270 audiobooks and 100 books in Braille in the Ukrainian language.

3

Presentation in IFLA Congress in Dublin, LPD Section.

4

IFLA's involvement in the context of opening up Ukrainian content.

# Lithuanian books with Ukrainian voices

Pilot project between Ukrainian NGO,  
Lithuanian Culture Institute, and LAB.



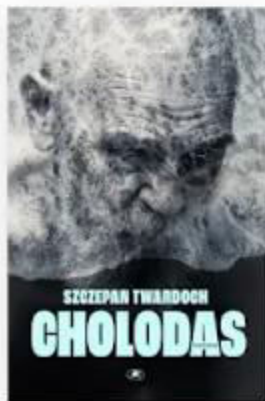


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- “The Marrakesh Treaty has a clear humanitarian and social development dimension;
- it aims to create limitations and exceptions for people with a print disability.”

World Intellectual Property Organization

# Let's open books for everyone!

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