

Libraries and correlated organizations outputs and outcomes

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The proposed paper will examine the problems of measurement of outcomes and outputs of libraries, institutional deposit of on line publications and documentation centres and services.

Libraries and correlated organizations produce services for culture, learning, research and productions of administrations and business activities. The user of these services are households, universities, schools, research centres, administrations and industries. The output can be classified as final consumptions, investments (including human capital), intermediate consumptions, auxiliary activities, and generally is evaluated by the yearly costs of productions as the user does not directly pay for the services.

As the libraries and correlated organizations often cooperate between them and offer their services to third parties and if on line worldwide and assure the preservation of knowledge and culture the outcomes are distributed in the space and time and are not directly correlated to outputs costs based and need a specific measurement and evaluation method.