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The Biblioteca de Catalunya (BC) is the national library of Catalonia. Its mission is to gather, conserve and disseminate the bibliographical output of Catalonia and that production related with the Catalan linguistic field. Its vision is to be open, reliable and useful to society. The library, founded in 1907, has more than 3.000.000 of documents of different types and formats.

Since the inclusion of Internet in our most common activities, the memory institutions have seen increasing their opportunities for achieving one of its oldest goals: giving an open and free access to the knowledge to everyone, on every moment and at every place of the world, now and in the future.

In 2004 the BC approved a strategic plan for 2004-2008 where it was clearly specified its bet on digital issues to improve dissemination of its contents, services to users and to collecting and preserving traditional and digital bibliographic heritage of Catalonia. This commitment was confirmed with the current Strategic Plan (2009-2012) which adopted the Library Board in early 2009.

All these three fields of activity are affected by regulations on intellectual property and public domain. The presentation will give an approach to the criteria, actions and processes that library applies in each of its initiatives.