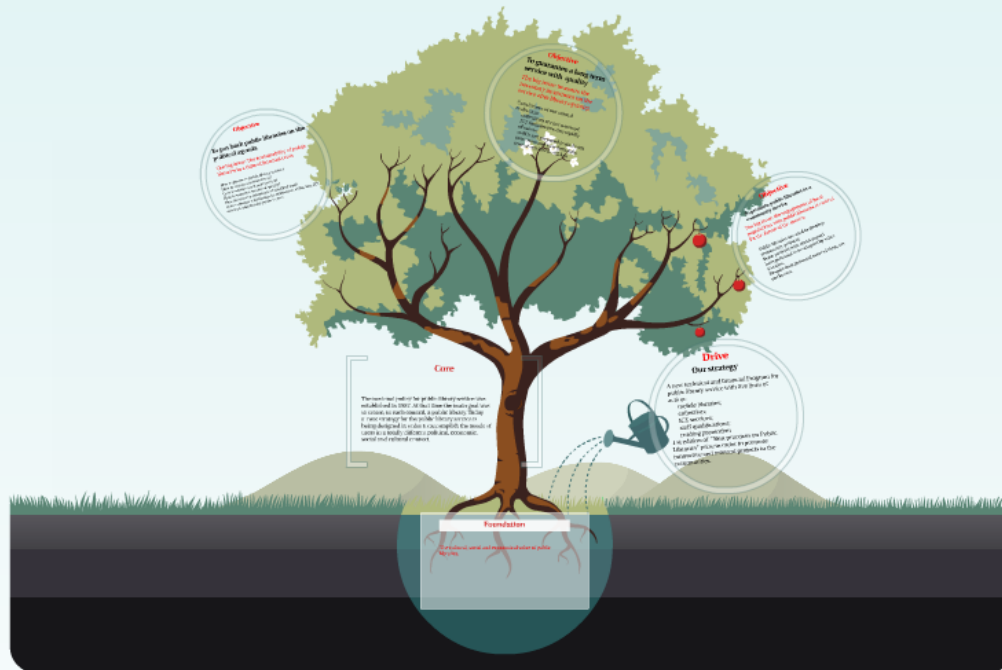


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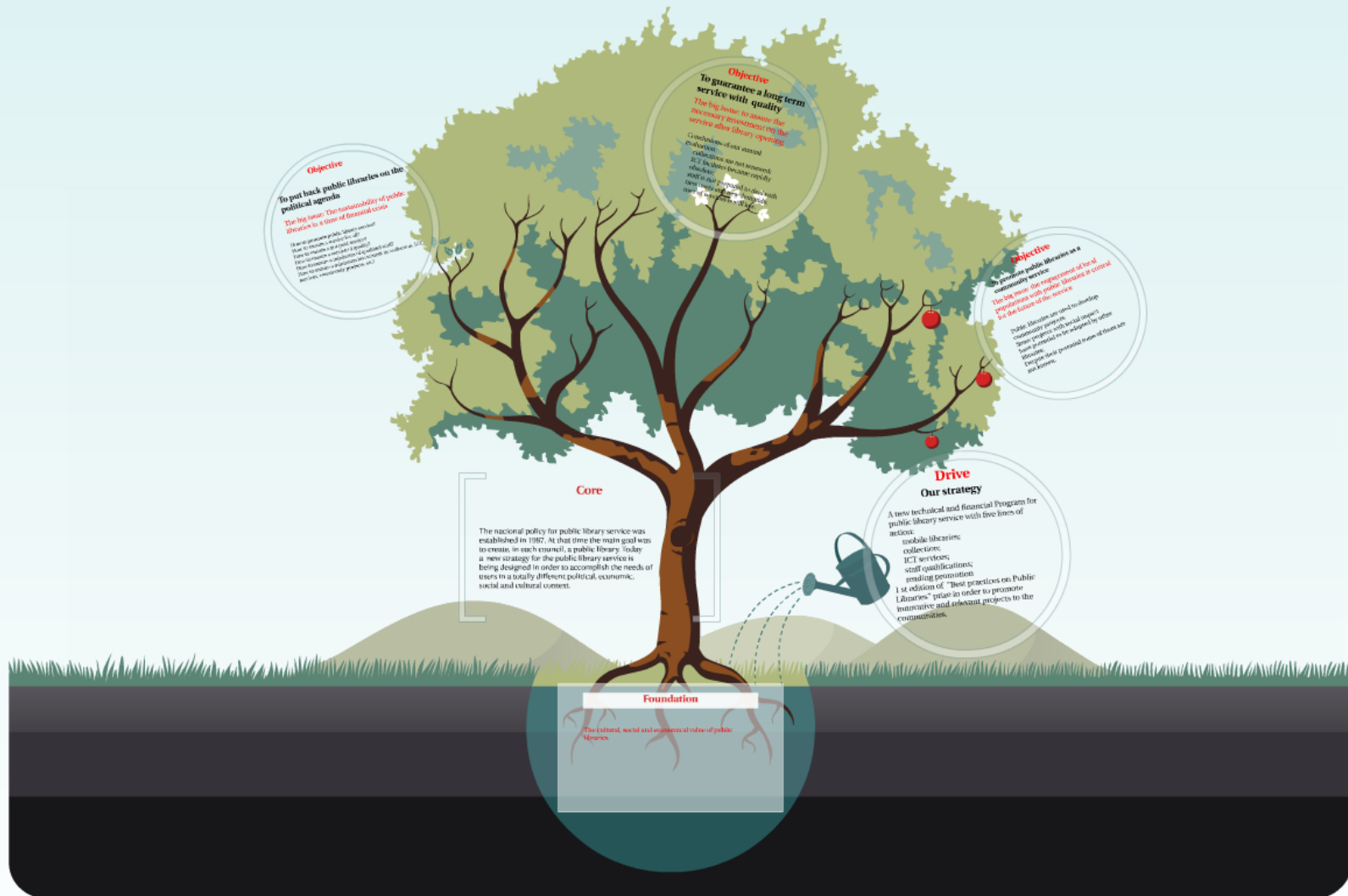


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# Foundation

The cultural, social and economical value of public libraries.



## Core

The national policy for public library service was established in 1987. At that time the main goal was to create, in each council, a public library. Today a new strategy for the public library service is being designed in order to accomplish the needs of users in a totally different political, economic, social and cultural context.

## Objective

### **To put back public libraries on the political agenda**

**The big issue: The sustainability of public libraries in a time of financial crisis**

How to promote public library service?

How to ensure a service for all?

How to ensure a not paid service?

How to ensure a service of quality?

How to ensure a minimum of qualified staff?

How to ensure a minimum investment in: collection, ICT services, community projects, etc?

## Objective

**To guarantee a long term service with quality**

**The big issue: to assure the necessary investment on the service after library opening**

Conclusions of our annual evaluation:

collections are not renewed;  
ICT facilities became rapidly obsolete;  
staff is not prepared to deal with new users and new demands;  
user of services is still low.

# Objective

**To promote public libraries as a community service**

**The big issue: the engagement of local populations with public libraries is critical for the future of the service**

Public libraries are used to develop community projects;  
Some projects with social impact have potential to be adapted by other libraries;  
Despite their potential some of them are not known.

# Drive

## Our strategy

A new technical and financial Program for public library service with five lines of action:

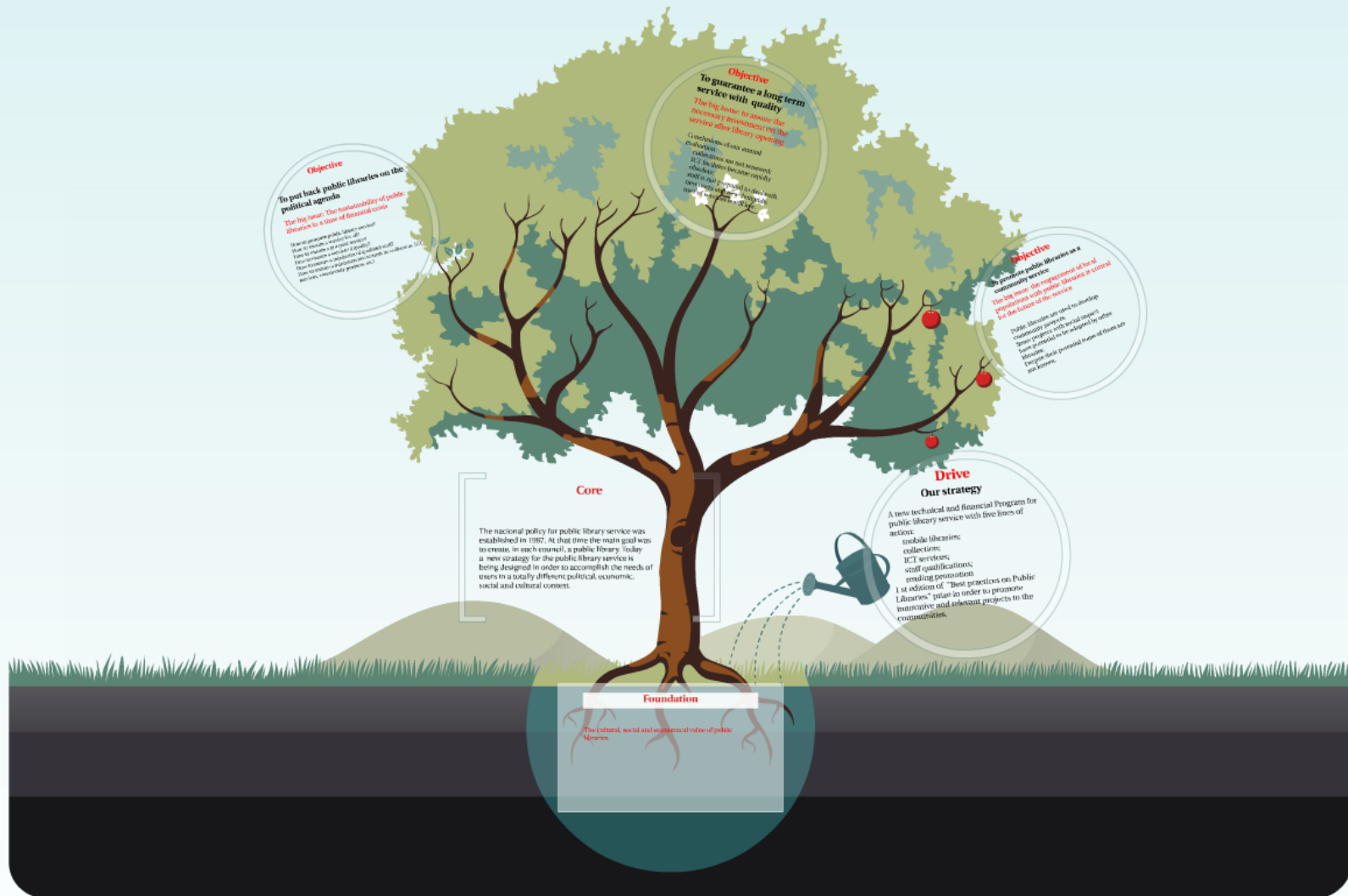
- mobile libraries;
- collection;
- ICT services;
- staff qualifications;
- reading promotion

1 st edition of "Best practices on Public Libraries" prize in order to promote innovative and relevant projects to the communities.





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