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IRELAND			Loans based			

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LIECHTENSTEIN			Not yet known			
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SLOVAK REPUBLIC			Loans based			
SLOVENIA	Public Library Law (1995)	National Government	Loans based	Citizens of Slovenia for books published in Slovenia	Books held in Public Libraries	Authors, Illustrators, Translators
SPAIN			Still to be decided			
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UNITED KINGDOM	PLR Act 1979 Program since 1982	National Government	Loans based	Residents of the EEA regardless of nationality	Books Providing they have an ISBN and are Printed & Bound	Authors. Illustrators, Editors/Compilers, Translators , Adaptors/Retellers

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