

<b>Title</b>	<b>The comparative study of grey literature organisation and approach: Two countries, similar and different</b>
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Purpose – Comparative studies, whatever the subject, can bring enlightenment and new thoughts. To investigate, and to find from written evidence, different approaches to similar problems or familiar practices in a different settings, engenders a feeling of professional kinship and often the pleasurable discovery of some original application or circumstance. The advantages of comparative studies are sufficiently well known. A comparison may be useful even when the researcher is not interested in differences but also in similarities, to reveal the specific nature of well known phenomena. This paper aims to describe grey literature organisation and approaches in two countries Czech Republic and Slovenia.

Design/methodology/approach – The methodology is based on the one used in two papers/ Boukacem-Zeghmouri, Schoepfel 2006) and (Schoepfel, Prost, 2009), which analyse some of the major public supply services for the dissemination of grey literature: their typology, their strategic approach, and the special conditions and characteristics of their service. It will try to apply it to countries instead of institutions.

Findings – The proclamative objective is the widest possible availability of all materials to intending users, wherever and whenever they need it, as an essential element in different aspects of development. That involves very much also grey literature. Networking environment gave new dimensions to availability, but the fact that majority of it is in local languages, aims to improve availability at all levels, from the local to the international, and at all stages. One of the most distinguishing aspects of the national systems is the method by which these aims are more or less successfully achieved.

Practical implications – Similar studies using comparative perspective may benefit from the our study, regarding the selection of raw data, the choice and validity of indicators, and methods for analysis and interpretation of the results.

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