

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

CENL bursaries are available up to the value of €1000 per application for members to participate in activities which share skills and knowledge with other members.

Bursary application

The bursary can relate to any aspect of skills and knowledge exchange such as:

- Visiting a national library for face-to-face mentoring and shadowing to learn new skills and share your experiences
- Attending a training event (e.g., tutorials, workshops, seminars, conferences) run by other national libraries
- Running a workshop for members to attend and share best practice
- Preparing a webinar or online event for members.

Application eligibility criteria:


- Your employer is a CENL member
- Your national library is up to date with CENL membership fee payments
- All activities are with other CENL members and enable skills and knowledge exchange.

Conditions of bursary

- Your national library's CENL member must approve and sign the application.
- The CENL Treasurer will determine the award of the bursary.
- The successful applicant will submit a report to the CENL Secretariat after the knowledge exchange event has taken place. This report will be posted to the CENL website.
- The successful bursary applicant (or a representative from their institution) may be asked to give a presentation to the CENL membership at the next Annual General Meeting following the completion of the project.
- Statement of costs must be provided estimating the anticipated costs, and if awarded your organisation will receive 80% of the bursary upfront with the remainder of the bursary amount being paid upon completion of the activity.
- Details of expenses must be provided verifying costs incurred including original receipts. Final payment will only be made if relevant documentation is provided.
- Where the bursary is not used, any underspend must be repaid to CENL Secretariat.
- Bursary payments will be made into the national library account of the CENL member applying.
- A maximum of two bursaries per CENL member will be allowable in each 12-month period.

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1. Your Details

Personal information	
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CENL member's approval	Yes
CENL member's signature	
Date approved	22.03.2022

2. Details of skills and knowledge exchange

Please provide details of the skills and knowledge exchange activity for which you are applying.

National library of Bulgaria has been in close contact with the National library of Albania for years. This contact has intensified in the last couple of months. There has been a meeting between the new Ambassador of Albania in Bulgaria and the Director of the National library of Bulgaria. They have discussed the options for strengthening the cultural cooperation between the National library of Bulgaria and the National library of Albania.

The national library of Bulgaria has started an initiative for opening Cultural corners of other countries and their National libraries on its territory. These are special spaces offering books, guides, leaflets and other artefacts from the respective country and National library. This initiative has proved to generate huge interest among the audiences of the National library of Bulgaria. It is planned to be opened a cultural corner of Albania with a donation of the National library of Albania. The National library of Albania expressed interest to promote the culture and tradition of Bulgaria on its territory as well. This is why Associate professor Krasimira Aleksandrova, Director and representatives from the National library of Bulgaria have been invited to visit the National library of Albania in the period 4-8 April 2022 year. The purpose of this visit is to exchange good practices on the initiative "Cultural corners", run in the National library of Bulgaria, present the signature travel Exhibition, available in English "Books, directions, audiences", including images and information about some of the most valuable artefacts, available in the National library of Bulgaria. During the visit the two library director will sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the two National libraries.

3. Estimated cost of bursary

Please include breakdown of estimated costs which will be incurred and when these will be likely incurred.

- Estimated gas consumption for 1 300 km for the route Sofia-Tirana-Sofia + 100 km internal trips in Tirana:
140 ltr × 1.5€=210 €

- 4 sgl rooms for 3 nights: 4×144€=576€

- Meals for 4 persons for 4 days=400 €

Total: 1186 €