

Actions required

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CENL Network Group Update

Reports of the Groups

1. Books and Audiences Network Group

Chair: Anete Krūmiņa, National Library of Latvia

Treasurer: Vanessa Braekeveld, Royal Library of Belgium

Secretary: Vanessa Braekeveld, Royal Library of Belgium

As of 13 September 2022 several attempts to contact the group chair failed.

2. Artificial Intelligence Network Group

Chair: Jean-Philippe Moreux, Bibliothèque nationale de France

Treasurer: Svein Arne Brygfeld, National Library of Norway

Secretary: Svein Arne Brygfeld, National Library of Norway

According to the group chair there is not much to report since the presentation during the AGM in Ankara: “The network group is organising a workshop hosted by the BnF Datalab in October 2022. This 2 days workshop (17th-18th) will include a visit of the Datalab, short presentations and lightning talks from the group members, a round table about AI strategy and roadmap for European libraries and a prospective reflection on the future of this network group.”

Report see attachment.

3. Copyright Network Group

Chair: N.N.

Treasurer: Fredric Lemmers, Royal Library of Belgium

Secretary: Matthew Lambert, British Library

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Evaluation of Network Groups and Application process for 2023-2025

In 2020 the three Network Groups were launched for the first time. According to their Terms of Reference, the period of membership is three years, after which the network groups shall be formally reviewed by the sitting Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can decide to renew and extend the network group(s) following a second application process. The terms of reference also emphasize that the purpose of the network groups is to support the 4 priorities as stated in the CENL Strategy 2018-2022.

The three-year term of the first Network Groups will end in December 2022. Therefore, the secretariat informed the chairs of the groups on several occasions that the term will end, and that they have to re-apply if their groups wants to continue. In the September CENL newsletter, the secretariat announced to open the application process in October.

At the Annual General Meeting 2021 in Brussels the Board of Directors agreed to extend the term for the current CENL strategy until 2023. Given the stated alignment of the Network Groups to the current strategy 2018-2023, the EC are asked to consider whether the term of the network groups should be adapted accordingly. If the EC members agree to do so, the application process would start in the second half of 2023. On the other hand, it seems that the current network groups are not that active. This could be a sign that a new round of applications should start now.

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Evaluation of (re-)application of network groups

If the EC agrees to start the process as intended in 2022, the secretariat will open the application process in October. All incoming applications must be evaluated then. The secretariat proposes the following criteria for the evaluation:

For all applying groups

1. Is the topic/field the NG proposes to deal with relevant for European National Libraries?
2. How many CENL members are interested to form/join that group? (At least 5, best around 12)
3. Can all the roles (chair, secretary, treasurer) be filled?

Additionally, for groups that re-apply:

4. Is the group active?
5. What are the latest activities?
6. How does the group communicate? Internal/external

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Report of Artificial Intelligence in Libraries Network Group

For information; no action required

CENL “AI in Libraries” Network Group

Jean-Philippe Moreux, BnF

CENL EC meeting, September 28, 2022

Libraries and AI:

- Libraries have expertise on data and data is central in modern AI.
- A lot of experimentation and some achievements.
- Even large institutions can't experiment in all areas.
- Barriers exist (access to technical skills, transition from legacy systems to AI driven processes).

Take advantage of the momentum!

But needs for collaboration and sharing!

Objectives

As a reminder, the objective of this group are:

- To leverage the use of AI through **better understanding and use.**
- To promote **sharing, collaboration and standardisation** on AI between institutions.
- To identify areas of AI with **particular significance for libraries.**

The members

How are we going to achieve this?

11 institutions, 13 people


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The actions

- Publication of a [AI Cookbook for Libraries](#), based on real use cases, designed in a way that allows a deep understanding of the core technologies and the test and reproducibility of the technical implementation.
- Publication of a [AI survey](#) (April 2022), about european AI projects, initiatives, and roadmaps that are already active. This action also contributed to identify AI practitioners within libraries. The report will be presented during the September 2022 ai4lam.org Community Call.
- Organisation of a **panel of library presidents** on AI strategy and roadmap as part of the “Fantastic Futures 2021” conference (December 2021, BnF) organized by the international initiative ai4lam.org. The [recording](#) of the round table is available online (6:53)

The actions



[Fantastic Futures 2021 conference](#)

BnF, December 2021

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Thanks!

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<https://github.com/CENL-Network-Group-AI>

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'CENL - AI in Libraries Network Group'. The repository description states: 'AI in Libraries is a network group of The Conference of European National Librarians'. It includes a link to the website and an email address. The repository has 3 repositories, 10 packages, 10 people, 0 teams, 0 projects, and 0 settings. The main content area features three pinned items: 'Strategy' (AI strategy development), 'Survey', and 'Recipes' (AI Cookbook for Libraries). The right sidebar shows 'Most used topics' (ai, cenl, digital-libraries) and 'People' (10 members).