

Network Group Applications and Selections

Actions required:

- Discussion on applications and selection
- Agree on network group sponsors

In 2020, the CENL Network Groups were launched for the first time. Their purpose is to enable knowledge exchange, network-building and professional support in relation to a chosen topic of interest. Three Network Groups started their work then: Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, Books and Audiences, and Copyright. Now, after three years, their term ended on 31 December 2022.

Applications for the establishment of new CENL network groups were invited on 6 October 2022 with a deadline of 1 December 2022. By the given deadline 5 applications were received. The themes are:

1. **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Applicant: Jean-Philippe Moreux – National Library of France

Goals

Promote sharing, collaboration and standardization on AI between national libraries

Members

- National Library of France
- National Library of Norway
- National Library of Austria
- National Library of Czech Republic
- British Library
- National Library of Estonia
- National Library of Sweden

2. **Books and Audiences (BANG)**

Applicant: Vanessa Braekeveld – Royal Library of Belgium

Goals

Building a network of experts in the domain "book exhibitions and their audiences", exchange best practices with colleagues by organizing seminars and creating a shared online platform

Members

- National Library of Latvia
- Royal Library of Belgium
- British Library
- Royal Library of the Netherlands
- Germany National Library, German Museum of Books and Writing

3. **Climate Change**

Applicant: Maja Maricevic, British Library

Goals

Identify why national libraries are an important player in supporting a positive climate agenda and what practical steps libraries can take to reduce emissions

Members

British Library
National Library of Finland
National and University Library in Zagreb
National Library of Poland
Royal Library of the Netherlands
National Library of France

4. Copyright

Applicant: Dorothea Zechmann – German National Library

Goals

Focus on copyright law and, in this context, legal deposit law as it affects national libraries and their work to ensure changes in legislation, interpretation and best practice

Members

German National Library
National Library of Austria
National Library of the Netherlands
National Library of France
Royal Library of Belgium
British Library
National Library of Serbia
National Library of the Czech Republic
Swiss National Library
National and University Library Slovenia
National Library of Finland
National Library of Slovakia
National Library of Romania
National Library of Estonia
National Library of Sweden
Royal Danish Library National
National Library of Norway
Bulgarian National Library

5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Applicant: Lauren Turner - British Library

Goals

Staff/people related EDI, sharing best practice and experiences across European National Libraries

Members

British Library
National Library of Ireland
National and University Library in Zagreb
National Library of France
Royal Library of the Netherlands
National and University Library "St Clement of Ohrid"
National Library of Serbia

6. Open Science

Applicant: Ines Vodopivec - National and University Library of Slovenia

Goals

Support national libraries in organization and management of Open Science

Members

Royal Library of the Netherlands

National Library of the Czech Republic

National and University Library of Slovenia

National Library of Serbia

Pending

National Library of Austria

National Library of France

7. Reading History and Reading Habits

Applicant: Pauls Daija - National Library of Latvia

Goals

Promoting the establishment of a secure communication space for library researchers to encourage talks and exchange of knowledge on transformations in reading history and their impact on the perception of text by the modern reader

Members

National Library of Latvia

National Library of Poland

National Library of Estonia

National Library of the Czech Republic

Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CENL NETWORK GROUPS

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Network Group Name	
Purpose of the Group	<p>The purpose of the network group is to support the 4 priorities as stated in the CENL Strategy 2018-2022.</p> <p>The network group will enable knowledge exchange, network-building and professional support in relation to a chosen topic of interest.</p>
Membership	<p>Membership of a CENL network group is open to all staff from CENL member libraries, particularly from second-tier leaders and experts. CENL members (i.e. the Directors of the national libraries) will not partake in network group activities.</p> <p>There are no restrictions on group member numbers, but the group must comprise of at least 5 CENL member libraries when it submits its terms of reference. Additional members can join thereafter. A group size of at least 5 members and a maximum of 12 members is preferred.</p> <p>Should the group size fall below 3 members for longer than 6 months, the viability of the network group will be discussed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The period of membership is three years, after which the network group will be formally reviewed by the sitting Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can decide to renew and extend the network group following a second application process.</p> <p>Network groups can include co-opted members from external organisations. These can only join by invitation and cannot jointly govern the network group.</p>
Costs	<p>Approved network groups will receive a standing bursary of €5000 per annum to help with costs relating to travel to attend group meetings / seminars. The funds will be transferred to the Group Treasurer by the CENL Secretariat as a lump sum. The Group Treasurer will provide quarterly transaction lists and receipts for all expenditure before the end of each calendar year.</p> <p>Funds will not be transferred to personal bank accounts.</p>
Limitations	<p>The network groups will be able to use the CENL name and logo in its reports and correspondence.</p> <p>Network groups are not permitted to engage in any formal lobbying or advocacy activities without written permission by the Executive Committee.</p>
Accountability	<p>A network group will have a Group Sponsor, a member of the CENL Executive Committee who will assist with guidance and can represent the group's business on the Executive Committee.</p>

	<p>A Group Chair and Group Secretary will be nominated in the network group application form and confirmed during the selection process by the Executive Committee. Should a group member holding the position of Chair wish to transfer his role to another group member, this will have to be confirmed by the Executive Committee in writing.</p> <p>The Group Chair is responsible for convening group meetings, setting agenda topics and for reporting to the CENL Executive Committee and the CENL Board of Directors at least once per year. Chairs will be able to serve for one term (3 years) only.</p> <p>The Group Secretary is responsible for collating meeting papers, minuting meetings and administering group member contacts. The Group Secretary is responsible for safekeeping and filing all relevant group documentation and correspondence. The Group Secretary is responsible for the group’s space on the CENL website. All administration of group data will adhere to EU GDPR and privacy guidelines.</p> <p>The Group Treasurer is accountable for all income (through an annual CENL bursary) and expenditure (costs related to group meetings/workshops) incurred by the group. The Group Treasurer has to provide proof of expenditure through a full set of receipts to the CENL Secretariat at the end of each calendar year for audit purposes. The Group Treasurer will be available to communicate with the CENL Secretariat and its chosen external auditors to discuss any discrepancies in the documentation provided by the Group Treasurer.</p> <p>The roles of Group Treasurer and Group Secretary can be filled by the same person, as long as this person does not work for the same institution as the Group Chair.</p>
<p>Review</p>	<p>The network groups will be expected to contribute a short written report to the Annual General Meeting (to be submitted by April each year). The written report will reflect on the relevance and value of the groups’ work as well as comment on any changes required to the terms of reference.</p> <p>The Executive Committee will review progress made on each working group once per year.</p> <p>The Executive Committee will review the ‘CENL Network Groups Terms of Reference’ one per year.</p>
<p>Working methods / ways of working</p>	<p>The network groups will convene at least two meetings per year, one of which has to take the form of a physical meeting in a location chosen by the group members.</p> <p>The group meetings will be organised and chaired by the Group Chair and minuted by the Group Secretary.</p> <p>The Group Chair will call for agenda items before a meeting and is responsible for generating and circulating the agenda.</p>

	<p>The meetings can be held via electronic communication methods, such as tele-or videoconferencing, or in person.</p> <p>Network groups will share experiences with each other and with the wider CENL membership.</p> <p>Network groups will be expected to contribute a short written report to Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Network groups will have the opportunity to propose a session for AGM based on their topic.</p> <p>Network groups are encouraged to make use of the web forum on the CENL website to exchange ideas and information.</p> <p>Network groups are asked to give permission to the CENL Secretariat to use workshop and seminar photos for general CENL promotional activities.</p>
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