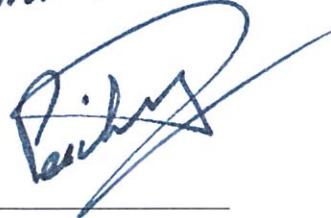


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ERLAND KOLDING NIELSEN GRANT – Application Form

The Erland Kolding Nielsen Grant celebrates the enormous contribution Erland Kolding Nielsen has made to the development of European libraries throughout his long and distinguished career.

The Erland Kolding Nielsen Grant is a grant of up to €5 000, which is awarded to a CENL member library project that promotes international collaboration and strengthens bonds between CENL libraries.

Application eligibility criteria:

- Your employer is a CENL member
- Your national library is up to date with CENL membership fee payments
- All collaboration activities are in partnership with other CENL members and will foster international collaboration

Grant application proposal (maximum of 2 pages)

The Grant can focus on any aspect of international library collaboration. The first part of your proposal should provide details of the actual international collaborative aspect. This could be in a multitude of ways such as:

- Development of collections (physical and digital)
- Improving research
- Educational or cultural services including exhibitions
- Promoting interlibrary staff communications
- Infrastructure development
- Staff development

In consideration of international travel restrictions put in place in response to the global pandemic, applications will be accepted for in-person and/or virtual activities and events. If you are proposing an in-person event, please outline the health and safety protocols you will be establishing for the event and detail any related costs. If you are proposing a virtual event, you may include the relevant costs in the budget, for example, equipment for producing video recordings, publicity costs, fees for virtual event hosting platforms, or tools to increase accessibility of the event (live captioning).

The second part of your proposal should outline the anticipated benefits of the proposed collaborative activity, and provide an estimation of the costs for carrying out the activity. The main proposer should complete this form and provide details of other collaborators.

If you meet the criteria above and would like to apply for this grant, please complete this form, including your proposal, and submit it to the CENL Secretariat at cenl@dnb.de by **10 March 2023**. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the outcome will be announced by the end of April 2023.

Conditions of grant

- Outputs of the grants have to be publicly demonstrable and shareable.
- The successful applicant will submit a report to the CENL Secretariat after the proposed event has taken place. This report will be published on the CENL website.
- The successful applicant (or a representative from their institution) will 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 approved your organisation will receive 80% of the grant upfront with the remainder of the grant being paid upon completion of the project.
- Details of expenses, with original receipts, must be provided to verify all costs incurred. Final payment will only be made if the relevant documentation is provided.
- Where the grant is not used, any underspend must be repaid to the CENL Secretariat.
- Grant payments will be paid into the main proposer's account. The main proposer will be responsible for ensuring that collaborators are reimbursed for appropriate expenses.

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

1. Organisation Details

Applicant information				
	Name	Organisation	Job Title	email and phone
Main proposer	Cheng Pei / Nadia Perigaud	Bibliothèque nationale de France	Project manager	Cheng.Pe@bnf.fr nadia.perigaud@bnf.fr
Collaborator 1	Andy Appleyard	British Library	Head of Operations (North) at the British Library (BL)	Andy.Appleyard@bl.uk
Collaborator 2	Foekje Boersma	Koninklijke Bibliotheek (National Library of the Netherlands)	Head of Collection Care at the National Library of the Netherlands	Foekje.Boersma@KB.nl
Collaborator 3				
Collaborator 4				
Confirm that you meet the grant application eligibility criteria (listed above)				Yes
Signed:				
Date: 09 mars 2023				

2. Proposal for international collaboration

Please provide a description of your proposed project here (maximum of two pages).

- *Include plans for the project's development and implementation.*
- *Tell us how your project will engage with CENL members and beyond, and how you plan to communicate the results of your project to wider audiences.*

Three major libraries are currently carrying out projects to build high-rise, robotic, hypoxic storage facilities: the British Library at its Boston SPA site, the Bibliothèque nationale de France at its Amiens site, and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in the Netherlands. Although not a CENL member, the Speicher Bibliothéque at its Büron site in Switzerland also provides quite an interesting model and source of inspiration that could be considered as well.. All these buildings will be delivered by 2029 at the latest.

The BnF is planning to create a high-rise, fully robotised, oxygen-reduced shop. This will be the first time in France that a highly technological conservation centre has been created on the scale of a national heritage institution.

In accordance with its objectives in terms of corporate social responsibility, the BnF wants the site to meet high environmental quality requirements and to respond to the current challenges of energy transition and sustainable development, thus aiming for HQE sustainable building certification. In order to achieve this ambitious objective, the programme emphasises the rationalisation of the future building's energy needs. The conservation shop will operate without active air conditioning.

Exchanging knowledge, experience and expertise with two national libraries currently implementing a similar project would be of great added-value. It would help tailoring the identified solutions to the precise needs of each institutions, help increase library staff knowledge and skills, and eventually bring new solutions and approaches to get inspired from. The project participants would discuss globally the constraints linked to the environmental issues that are now unavoidable in our daily lives, the requirements of preventive conservation and the interactions with the building, in order to put in place ever more effective solutions to preserve our heritage. A few examples of subjects that are of particular interest to us include: Building inertia, no air conditioning, energy self-sufficiency, fire safety, hypoxia, intra logistic.

The EKN grant would help us organizing two knowledge-exchange seminars involving the staff of the respective institutions. A first meeting with the teams would be organised at the Bibliothèque nationale de France before the Summer 2023, while a second meeting could be held in the second half of 2023.

At the end of this meeting, the participants will contribute to the drafting of a synthesis that can be presented during dedicated professional days and seminars, and shared with all CENL members. This synthesis would include useful use-cases and examples of innovative methods and tools for conservation across the partner libraries.

3. Previous Collaborations

Does your project create new connections between CENL institutions?

Please give details of any previous collaboration between the libraries involved in this project.

The BnF and the British Library already discussed their storage facilities and new buildings projects at a dedicated workshop organised during a two-day seminar involving senior level staff of both institutions, hosted at the BnF in October 2022. The intensity of the discussions, the specific and technical questions that arouse from this initial workshop, convinced us of the need to formalise this discussion and to involve partners facing a similar situation.

This project would help formalising and extending this discussion with an additional partner, the KB of Netherlands.

4. Benefits

Please outline how your project will benefit CENL's aims and goals.

We want to share our skills and know-how with others, so that we can do our best to preserve our cultural heritage for years to come.

Our national libraries are all facing an increased pressure due to the storage of documents entering our collections via legal deposit, while at the same time needing to adapt to environmental reality and having to show agility in being sustainable. As public and national institutions, we have a responsibility to show the way towards innovative and sustainable storage system, while also considering and integrating the physical and social environment of our storage location. In that sense, the BnF, the British Library, and the KB Netherlands, have set up ambitious new building projects, deploying new conservation techniques and proposing a strong social and political integration with their immediate surroundings. The conclusions of the two seminars we are proposing as part of this application would be of great-added value for other CENL members facing similar projects or having just started their reflexion – by bringing up a benchmark of innovative conservation tools and methods, and useful case-study of social integration.

5. Estimated cost of proposal

Please include a breakdown of the costs which will be incurred by all collaborators.

Indicate when these costs are likely to be incurred.

1st semester 2023: €2,500

2 welcome coffees - €200

*2 lunches for 20 people each (40 * 30 € = 1 200 €)*

travel expenses (1 000 €)

reproduction costs (100 €)

2nd semester 2023: 2 500 €.

2 welcome coffees - €200

*2 lunches for 20 people each (40 * 30 € = 1 200 €)*

travel expenses (1 000 €)

reproduction costs (100 €)