

## Dialogue Forums Update

### Actions required:

- The EC is asked to take note of the activities of the Dialogue Forums.

In 2022, the Executive Committee agreed to launch a new format for CENL members to get in touch with other groups and stakeholders. The CENL Dialogue Forum is intended to be an informal format where CENL members can meet with representatives of other interest groups or organisations to discuss topics of mutual interest.

### 1. FEP/CENL Dialogue Forum

- *Chair: Ute Schwens, National Library of Germany*

#### *Report January-July 2023*

In Spring 2023 the FEP CENL Dialogue Forum with representatives from the Italian, German and French Publisher Associations and from STM met first with colleagues from the Norwegian, Dutch, French, British and German National Libraries. They discussed the following topics:

- Implementation of the 2019 EU copyright directive
- Digitization of out-of-commerce works
- Use of research data – legal aspects and scientific demands
- The aftermaths of the COVID waves
- National developments and best practices on issues in the field of digital libraries, digitization processes, TDM, e-Publishing etc.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the FEP/CENL Dialogue Forum will take place 4 September 2023. Topics on the agenda are among others:

- WIPO toolkit for preservation
- Digitization of Out-of-Commerce Works
- Use of research data: legal aspects and scientific demands
- Implementation of the European Accessibility Act
- Other national developments and best practices

A subgroup of the FEP CENL Dialogue Forum is the **French-German Meeting on Copyrighted Works in Digital Libraries**. This group met on 29. September 2022 at the German National Library in Frankfurt. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 December 2023 at the National Library of France in Paris.

## 2. CENL Dialogue Forum National Libraries as Data Infrastructures

- *Speakers: Sally Chambers, Andreas Witt, Dr. Peter Leinen*

*The CENL Dialogue Forum National Libraries as Data Infrastructures facilitates structural and strategic collaboration between Europe's National Libraries and Research Infrastructures. It provides an ideal opportunity to:*

- Understand how (national) libraries could benefit from structural collaboration with, and active participation in Research Infrastructures such as DARIAH and CLARIN
- Identify and prioritise specific challenges and opportunities
- Assess the landscape

### *Key Issues:*

- International accessibility of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) datasets and related challenges in implementation.
- With the increasing emergence of 'data labs' throughout the library community, such labs could be an ideal point of intersection between the libraries, research infrastructures and digital humanities research communities.
- Not only could Dialogue Forum be the voice of libraries in this data space, at the same time, it would raise awareness of this crucial topic throughout the (national) library community.

### *Activities:*

- Survey: National Libraries as Data Infrastructures (some results below)
- Presentation at DARIAH Annual Meeting, 6-9 June 2023
- Kick-off on Monday 26th June 2023
- Poster at CLARIN Conference, 16-18 October 2023
- CLARIN and Libraries Workshop, Oslo, 5-6 December 2023
- Planned meeting of the CENL Dialogue Forum in November

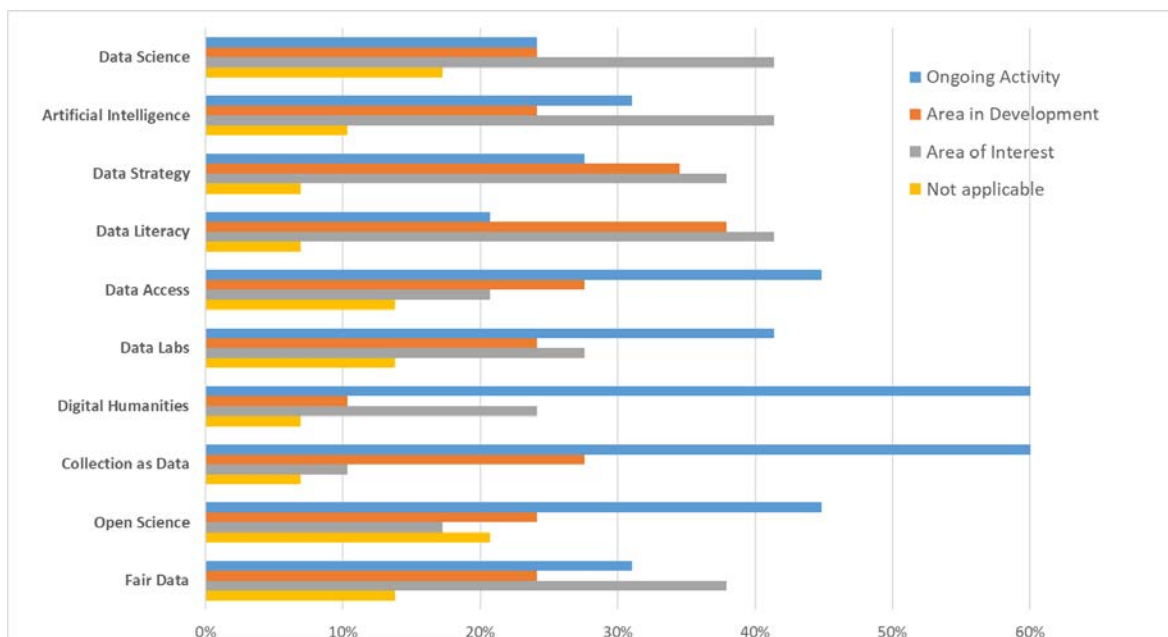
### *Results of the survey (some aspects)*

The survey was active from 12/05/2023 to 07/15/2023.

There were 31 National Libraries that responded to the survey, of which 20 (64%) institutions indicated that "Participating in Research Infrastructure" initiatives is a strategic priority of the National Library. However, feedback in other responses also indicated that activities may well already be part of everyday life, not a priority for development or preparing a strategy on research Infrastructure. Overall, the responses indicate that the percentage of institutions actively engaged in research infrastructure or intending to do so is 82%. There are 23 (74%) responding institutions already active in National Research Infrastructure initiatives.

Of the participating institutions, 14 (45%) - i.e. just less than half - state that they are participating in a European initiative, and a further 6 institutions are currently planning to do so. Thus, at the European level, Research Infrastructure appears to be a current topic at more than half of the participating institutions. DARIAH (10) and CLARIN (9) are the most frequently mentioned initiatives.

When asked about the different stages of development of individual topics, the institutions responded as follows:



There is a clear focus on “Digital Humanities” and “Collection as Data” as established activities, while “Data Literacy” and “Data Strategy” are currently in development at nearly half of the institutions, and topics such as “Data Science” and “AI” are still very much identified as topics that could become important.

The figures behind the above diagram in detail:

	Ongoing Activity	Area in Development	Area of Interest	Not applicable
Fair Data	31%	24%	38%	14%
Open Science	45%	24%	17%	21%
Collection as Data	<b>62%</b>	28%	10%	7%
Digital Humanities	<b>66%</b>	10%	24%	7%
Data Labs	41%	24%	28%	14%
Data Access	45%	28%	21%	14%
Data Literacy	21%	<b>38%</b>	<b>41%</b>	7%
Data Strategy	28%	<b>34%</b>	38%	7%
Artificial Intelligence	31%	24%	<b>41%</b>	10%
Data Science	24%	24%	<b>41%</b>	17%

A good overview also results from the summarized view on the one hand of the topics considered as “Ongoing Activities” and “Area in Development” (Sum 1) and on the other hand of the two columns “Area in Development” and “Area of Interest” (Sum 2).

	Sum 1	Sum 2
Fair Data	55%	62%
Open Science	69%	41%
Collection as Data	<b>90%</b>	38%

Digital Humanities	<b>76%</b>	34%
Data Labs	66%	52%
Data Access	<b>72%</b>	48%
Data Literacy	59%	<b>79%</b>
Data Strategy	62%	<b>72%</b>
Artificial Intelligence	55%	<b>66%</b>
Data Science	48%	<b>66%</b>