

## **ERLAND KOLDING NIELSEN GRANT – Application Form**

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*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](mailto:cenl@dnb.de) by **20 March 2024**. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the outcome will be announced by the end of April 2024.

### **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				
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Collaborator 4				
Confirm that you meet the grant application eligibility criteria (listed above)				Yes
Signed: K. Gamsakhurdia				
Date: 20 March, 2024				

## 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.*

The National Parliamentary Library of Georgia is in many ways on the doorstep of a new era. We do everything for modernizing the library, for providing our users with innovative library opportunities. We are concentrated to be open and human-centered library. Parallel to this, we are willing to provide our readers with comfortable, modern, practical and easy to use library services. Among them, new for us, is library system "SIERRA". We have close collaboration with the National library of Estonia for years. After studying a lot of library systems, we communicated with them. We shared their knowledge, their experience. We had several times fruitful for us conversations, after which we decided to purchase this library system. Colleagues from National Library of Estonia always express their respect towards us and willingness to help us. It is worth to be admitted that they always give us a helping hand. Of course, all the consultations and sharing of experience was done in online meetings' format. Joint working character conference with the National Library of Estonia will be much fruitful. The colleagues will meet each other in alive format, talk, discuss and implement in practice each subject, each module that are new for us. It will be very useful to learn how what to do as the National Library of Estonia has underwent the same steps we are doing now. And in this regard, the National Library of Estonia is an excellent example for us. They will share their knowledge in practical course, we will learn the tools, how to develop this new library system at the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia.

We believe that these ideas, knowledge and inspiration during this study would be beneficial of members of CENL. By the support of CENL, two member libraries establish much more close cooperation.

We plan to have maximum two days - for working conference, and one day for cultural activities around library. The Program will include various activities. More detailed program with its studying topics will be sent also, but initial matters of the conference which is very important, essential for us is the circulation process in the library system, as well as, how to work in various models of SIERRA, how to implement a support base which helps to run an electronic catalog.

The exact dates are not finally agreed for the visit, BUT it will be in Autumn 2024, for sure. They will give us specific dates suitable for them.

To communicate to a wider audience, The Georgian team will prepare an overview of the conference and study, and afterwards make it available on the library website, also it will be sent to CENL in English language.

### 3. Previous Collaborations

*Does your project create new connections between CENL institutions?  
Please give details of any previous collaborations between the libraries involved in this project.*

This is the first collaboration within CENL between two libraries. It will be mutually beneficial as it engages two libraries to be developed further. And this is first attempt to apply for the grant from our side.

### 4. Benefits

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

Our project is in line with CENL Strategic plans and goal, which aim to develop national library services to meet the evolving needs of our audience – readers, users. This project will also explore innovative use, facilitate services and engage users to use easily from different part of the world, as well as locals. This project will enable to share best practice and effective use. It will bring into focus the wide range of resources possessed by our libraries and of course, inspire CENL member libraries to collaborate, use their opportunities for further development. This project will increasingly use the skills and knowledge for the benefit of the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia.

### 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.*

We will have a last decision about this soon.