

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 **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.


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- 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	Pintilei Elena	National Library of the Republic of Moldova	General Director	Elena.pintilei@bnrm.md +373 22 240493 (w) +373 60989482 (mob.)
Collaborator 1	Aidas Sinkevičius	Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania	General Director, interim	+370 52497023 aidas.sinkevicius@lnb.lt
Collaborator 2				
Collaborator 3				
Collaborator 4				
Confirm that you meet the grant application eligibility criteria (listed above)				Yes
Signed: Elena Pintilei, General Director, National library of the Republic of Moldova				
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.*

Project title: Study visit of specialists from the National Library of Moldova (Chisinau) to Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilnius)

The project consists on organizing a study visit of 4 specialists from the National Library of Moldova (Chisinau) to Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania, (Vilnius).

During 5 training days a group of Moldavian librarians from the NL Moldova will study the experience of NL Lithuania regarding international relations, project management, developing new services, using informational resources and innovations of NL Lithuania and others.

It is proposed to travel on September, 7 and September, 14, 2024 from Chisinau to Vilnius and from Vilnius to Chisinau (there are operating routes via Riga, Warsaw, and Istanbul).

Training days: September 9 - September 13, 2024

The actual time of the project and detailed training program will be developed together with the staff of NL Lithuania at a later stage.

If the actual prices are lower, NL Moldova will recalculate the project for 5 librarians.

The information about the study visit will be promoted through NL Moldova and NL Lithuania websites and Libraries social networks, CENL website; an article in professional Moldavian magazine "Magazin Bibliologic" will be made.

The main idea of having such a project is to deepen the existing collaboration; we have seen from our experience that it is important to have physical contacts with our partners to get the most fruitful results of collaboration.

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.

The project is maintaining previously established connections between CENL institutions, building new communication levels between the National Library of the Republic of Moldova and Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania.

Collaboration with Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania

2018 - visit of 1 colleague from Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania to the National Library of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

2019 – visit of 3 colleagues from the National Library of the Republic of Moldova to Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

2019 – visit of 10 colleagues from the National Library of the Republic of Moldova to Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

2019 – visit of 3 colleagues from Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania to the National Library of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

2023 – international webinar for Moldavian librarians with experts from Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania (online) <https://www.cenl.org/collaboration-of-lithuanian-and-moldavian-librarians/>

2023 – visit of 3 colleagues (and 1 volunteer) from Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania to the National Library of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau to the international conference “Social resilience and stronger professional networks as precondition for peace”, 9-10 October 2023.

2023 - visit of 2 colleagues from Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania to the National Library of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau for delivering the training “Basics of Project Management” (Chisinau, Moldova) organized with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Moldova, December 5-6, 2023

4. Benefits

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

CENL will get a stronger small network between Eastern and Baltic countries, which will promote mutual understanding and cope with the issues and join in a further perspective to EU.

The Martynas Mazvydas National Library of the Republic of Lithuania and National Library will develop their potential as experts of collaboration projects within CENL network.

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.*

- 4 Air tickets Vilnius-Chisinau-Vilnius, 325 euro each, $325 \times 4 = 1300$ euro
- 4 Tickets for baggage, 65 euro X 4 persons x 2 routes = 520 euro
- Hotel for 4 persons, (possible Holiday Inn Vilnius City Center), 7 nights X 4 = 28 nights, 28×96 euro = 2688 euro
- Taxi, 2 routes X 24 euro = 48 euro
- Meals (Dinner, 2 evenings, 150 euro per 4 persons per diner, $2 \times 150 = 300$ euro
- Wire transfer, 72 euro X 2 transfers = 144 euro

TOTAL: 5000 euro