

CENL Network Groups Update

Actions required:

- The EC is asked to assign the roles of sponsors for the Network Groups.
- The EC is asked to agree in the change from Elizabeth M. Kirwan to Rosemarie van der Veen-Oei (National Library of the Netherlands) as the Chair of the EEDI Network Group.
- The EC is asked to discuss and decide on whether the Network Group is allowed to apply as a CENL unit within the ERASMUS+ programme.

Network Group sponsors on the EC

According to the current Terms of reference for the Network Groups a 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.

So far these have been:

- Artificial Intelligence: Hans Petschar
- Books and Audiences: Sara Lammens
- Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Karin Grönvall

With the new composition of the Executive Committee and the fact that Hans Petschar is no longer a member of the group, the sponsorship has to be discussed and reassigned.

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Artificial Intelligence in Libraries Network Group

Chair: Jean-Philippe Moreux (National Library of France)

Secretary/Treasurer: Svein Brygfjeld (National Library of Norway)

New members joined the group:

- Ditte Laursen (Det Kongelige Bibliotek / National Library of Denmark)
- Steven Claeysens (Koninklijke Bibliotheek / National Library of the Netherlands)

Early 2024, the network group decided to update the AI CENL [survey](#), published in 2021. The report on this updated survey is about to be released. This edition will include a specific section on generative AI activity in Europe.

The work related to the submission of a proposal to an European call for projects (A European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage – Innovative tools for digitisation and analysis of dynamic processes, objects and complex combined data), concerning the creation of a multimodal model trained on European iconographic corpora (library and museum collections) continued during Spring (May-June, 5 on-line meetings). It will resume this October to decide if we can set up a consortium and identify a leader.

In September 2024, the CENL "AI in Libraries" Network Group hosted webinars on various uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in national libraries.

- **Impact of copyrighted materials in LLMs: Mimir Project**
Javier De La Rosa (National Library of Norway)
- **Speech to Text**
Per Egil Kummervold (National Library of Norway)
Lars Mydtskov, Lasse Rogers, Ditte Laursen (Royal Danish Library)

In October 2024, two more webinars will follow:

17 October 2024, 11:00 am CEST:

- **LLM-few-shot-prompting for automated indexing**
Lisa Kluge (German National Library)

Registration: <https://bnf-fr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvucuysrD4rHtOYOmARrBHSAs-gHqUzkiTN>

24 October 2024, 11:00 am CEST:

- **AI for end-users? The BnF experiment program**
Jean-Philippe Moreux (National Library of France)

Registration: <https://bnf-fr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtcumtrjgvGNWxfRtrVACVQ3bEqllsLoy5>

The National Library of Spain, who joined the network group in March, will host our [annual in person meeting](#).

Upcoming activity

- Continue the work on the ECCCH project proposal with the identified partners.
- Schedule 2 more webinars (December 2024).
- Publish the AI survey (November 2024).
- Finalise the organisation of the workshop at The National Library of Spain (November 21th and 22t)

Books and Audiences Network Group

Chair: Vanessa Braekeveld (Royal Library of Belgium)

Secretary/Treasurer: Ineta Vaivode (National Library of Latvia)

1. Who's BANG? A little recap:

The mission of BANG (Books & Audiences Network Group) is to provide a dynamic environment for discussion, dialogue and exchange of ideas and practices for bringing books and audiences together in exhibition settings, with an ambition to bring our findings to fruition.

Important values of the group are: innovation, curiosity, openness, inclusivity, generosity and diversity.

Vision: BANG! is synonymous with excellence and creativity in bringing books and audiences together in a diverse range of exhibition contexts.

Aims of BANG!

- Create a thriving network of expertise in the field of 'book exhibitions and their audiences'
- Sharing knowledge, experiences and creating opportunities to learn
- Organizing seminars and creating a shared online platform

2. Members

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3. Meetings

- 04/03 – online member meeting
- 19/03 – online chair & treasurer meeting
- 03/04 – website meeting
- 16/04 – online member meeting
- 30/05 – online chair & treasurer meeting
- 23/09 – update meeting chair & treasurer

Important topics discussed:

- Webinar theme for 2024
- Open call
- Future of BANG
- Members: how to grow?
- Live member meeting
- In person conference 2025 – celebrate 6 years of BANG!

4. Upcoming

- **BANG webinar – 11/12/2024**

Every year we organise a webinar with an actual topic. We're looking for an interesting keynote speaker and people who can give their ideas and experience on the topic.

The theme for BANG's webinar of 2024: Library exhibitions – Embracing Technology and Innovation.

At the moment we're preparing the open call, contacting possible keynote speakers, preparing a next meeting with our members to prepare the webinar (communication, spreading the call...)



- **Online member meetings** with on the agenda:

- o BANG conference 2025 – National Library of Latvia
 - Program
 - Budget
 - Who's doing what
- o Future of BANG + communication
- o Evaluation webinar

- **BANG website**

Final launch in 2024. The making of the website took much more time than initially planned. The aim is to have the final version by the end of this year.

- **BANG in person meeting**

For a further preparation of the BANG Conference + Future of BANG!

- **BANG conference in Riga – May 2025**

This conference will take place in the National Library of Latvia, Riga.

Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Group

Chair: Elizabeth M. Kirwan (National Library of Ireland)

Secretary: Lauren Turner (British Library)

Treasurer: Dunja Marija Gabriel (National and University Library in Zagreb)

On 16 May 2024, CENL EDI Networking Group presented at the Macedonian Library Association's 75th anniversary conference in Dojran: Elizabeth M. Kirwan, the group chair pre-recorded a keynote message and talked about EEDI in the National Library of Ireland, and Rosemarie van der Veen-Oei, Dunja Marija Gabriel and Maja Micevska talked about EEDI at the national libraries of the Netherlands, Croatia and North Macedonia, respectively.

Jackie Cromarty (Deputy Secretary) and Maja Micevska (member and former CENL EEDI Network Group Treasurer) presented the EEDI Network Group to the CENL Directors at the Annual General Meeting in Warsaw, 16-18 June 2024.

On 8 October 2024, Jackie Cromarty (National Library of Scotland, and Deputy Secretary of the EEDI Network Group) will address the National Library of Ukraine's scientific conference, by Zoom, on the EEDI Network Group's mission, strategy and activities.

The EEDI Network Group is currently working on finalising their agenda for their in-person meeting in Zagreb on 30 October 2024.

Change of Chair

The current Chair of the EEDI NG, Elizabeth M. Kirwan, will retire from the National Library of Ireland after 40 years' service, in December, and wants to hand over the role of the Chair during their meeting in October to Rosemarie van der Veen-Oei (KB). A brief CV from Rosemarie is attached to this paper.

The Terms of Reference for the Network Groups say that it will have to be confirmed by the Executive Committee in writing if the Chair of a Network Group wishes to transfer their role to another group member.

The EC is asked to agree that Rosemarie van der Veen-Oei may take over the role of the Chair as of November 2024

ERASMUS+ Application

One item on the agenda of the EEDI meeting in October will be "ERASMUS+ application".

As the NG's Chair wrote to the CENL Secretary, this item "relates to the ERASMUS+ application we've discussed previously, and this item is being facilitated by a colleague (not a networking group member) from the KB in The Hague, advising on how to apply for the funding for a formal cooperation partnership project proposal, to be submitted under the call ERASMUS+ cooperation partnership (expected deadline Spring 2025).

Such a partnership project could be considered as an accelerator for our CENL EEDI activities. The coordination of drafting the application for all CENL EDI Networking Group interested members will be facilitated by a specialist colleague from the Dutch National Library, which would be the main applicant of this proposed project, and so the manager of the funding and resources. This proposed cooperation partnership is likely to have the following objectives, among others:

- *Provide an opportunity for cross-border in-person exchange and networking between library staff as adult learners to work with target groups from underrepresented communities*
- *Develop the awareness and competences of library staff working with underrepresented communities based on exchanges between project partners contributing their experience, knowledge, and expertise*
- *Empower National Library staff to deliver more effective support and representation of their underrepresented communities, thereby promoting social inclusion and uptake of educational opportunities and services in National Libraries."*

The EC is asked to discuss whether a Network Group can apply as a CENL unit without EC approval. Also this application could have consequences beyond the current term. What would be the consequences if the application was successful, but the NG's term of office ended?

EC is asked to take a decision on this.