

38th Annual General Meeting, Edinburgh, 15 – 17 June 2025

Actions required:
 The EC is asked to take note of the outline of the programme and to discuss topics for the event. EC should also take note of the difficult hotel situation and make a decision as to whether a longer journey to the conference venue is acceptable.

Program outline for CENL AGM 2025

Draft as of 26 September 2024 – Work in progress -

Overall topic: to be discussed by the EC

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
15 June 2025, Sunday	Cultural programme		
11:00 – 13:00	Edinburgh Castle visit to include tour Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh: (may be later)		
13:00 – 13:10	Walk to Riddles Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh		
13:10 – 14:30	Lunch at Riddles Court or Castle		
14:30 – 16:00	Walking tour of the Royal Mile		
16:00 – 18:00	Time at your disposal		
18:00 – 20:00	Registration dinner – venue tbc Suggested venues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Foyer • Castle • Riddles Court 	All delegates	

Venue: possibly Edinburgh Futures Institute (tbc)			
16 June 2025, Monday	Session 1, Business meeting		
8:45 – 9:00	Registration	All delegates	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome from Chair and Host	Frank Scholze Amina Shah	
9:10 – 9:30	Introductions	All delegates	
9:30 – 9:40	Approval of the minutes of Warsaw AGM	Frank Scholze	
	VOTE		
9:40 – 9:45	Matters arising from minutes	Frank Scholze	
9:45 – 9:55	CENL Annual report	Frank Scholze	
9:55 – 10:10	Treasurer's report including 2025 budget	Treasurer: Karin Grönvall	
	VOTE		
10:10 – 10:20	CENL Action Plan and Communications	Secretary: Susanne Oehlschläger	
10:20 – 10:30	Any other business		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
	Session 2: Conference		
11:00 – 11:45	Key Note 1 Topic to be determined by the EC Followed by conversation with Chair or EC member and by Q&A	Key note speaker	
11:45 – 12:00	Group photo	All delegates	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break		
	Session 3		
13:30 – 14:30	Key Note 2 Topic to be determined by the EC	Key note speaker	

	Followed by conversation with Chair or EC member and by Q&A		
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break		
15:00 – 17:00	Topic to be determined by the EC Break-out groups? Presentations by CENL members		
120 min.			
17:00 – 17:15	Closing remarks day 1	Frank Scholze	
17:15-19:00 (or 18:00)	Time at your disposal		
19:00-22:00 (or 18:00 – 21:00)	Gala Dinner – Library tbc		
20 June 2023, Tuesday	Session 4		
9:00 – 9:30	Report of EKN Grant Holders 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgaria • Georgia • Moldova 		
9:30 – 10:00	Report of CENL Network Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI in Libraries • Books and Audiences • Equity, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion 		
10:00 – 10:30	Report of CENL Dialogue Forums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEP-CENL Dialogue Forum • CENL Dialogue Forum National Libraries as Data Infrastructures 		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 11:30	Speaker 1		
11:30 – 12:00	Speaker 2		
12:00 – 12:30	Speaker 3		
12:30 – 12:45	Presentation by the 2026 host (National Library of Luxembourg)	Claude Conter Date: 15-17 June 2025 (tbc)	
12:45 – 13:00	Closing remarks, Farewell	Frank Scholze	

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:30	Optional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the National Library and/or • Visit to conservation and/or digitisation centres 		

Business meeting	Topic related
Socializing	Other

For the EC to discuss and decide

1. Accommodation

During a video meeting with colleagues from the National Library of Scotland, it became clear that the cost of accommodation in Edinburgh will be very high. For a decent hotel room in the city, expect to pay at least around 200 GBP/night (around 240 Euro).

In October, Motel One will announce their rates for 2025, so there is a small chance that the NLS could pre-book a block of rooms there. If this does not work, another option would be to choose a hotel outside the city, which would mean a train ride of about 30 minutes to get to the conference venue. Would that be acceptable?

The EC is asked to discuss and decide whether it is an appropriate option to use a hotel at a greater distance from the venues.

If this is not an option, the EC is asked to discuss and decide whether the budget for travel assistance should be increased.

2. Introductions (Business meeting)

In 2024 alone there will be 13 new directors in European National Libraries, thus also new members of CENL. This is the reason why we could change the order of our programme and start with a kind of "speed dating" instead of the usual introductions, allowing all participants to meet and talk to each other.

3. Overall topic of the meeting

In 2025, the National Library of Scotland is going to celebrate its 100. Anniversary. And they will have a new strategy: Role of NLS in the next 100 years.

Proposals by Amina Shah:

1. National Libraries in the age of division
2. Responsible stewardship for the next century

Other proposals to be discussed:

- Strategic planning in national libraries, Strategies, Development of Strategies
- Artificial intelligence and its impact on organisational development
- Pioneering role of national libraries
- National libraries and democracy
- New work