

Dialogue Forums Update

Actions required:

- Information, no action required

Report of the FEP / CENL Dialogue Forum

The Dialogue Forum between representatives of the Conference of European National Librarians and the Federation of European Publishers discusses common issues between national libraries and publishers such as legal deposit, copyright, European framework regulations, digitization etc.

Currently the group consists of 10 persons:

Chair Ute Schwens, German National Library

Representatives of FEP Anne Bergman (FEP), Catherine Blache (SNE), Barbara Kalumenos (STM), Giulia Marangoni (AIE), Jessica Sanger (Borsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels)

Representatives of CENL Jasper Faase (National Library of the Netherlands), Emmanuel Jaslier (National Library of France), Richard Price (British Library), Jonny Edvardsen (National Library of Norway), Ute Schwens (German National Library)

The Group met online on 4 March and 16 September 2024, with the Chair reporting online during the Annual General Meeting in Warsaw.

The main items on the agenda of the September 2024 meeting were

- A report on the CENL AGM and the discussion around eLegal deposit
- Artificial intelligence in libraries and whether digitised out-of-commerce works can be used to train large language models
- Status quo on digitisation of out-of-commerce works
- Information security
- Exchange on national issues

Richard Price (BL) attended one last time. Ian Cooke (Acting Head of Contemporary British Collections) und Linda Arnold-Stratford (Head of Liaison and Governance for the Legal Deposit Libraries in UK) will be members of the group representing the BL.

The next meeting will take place online on 20 March 2025. This will be the last meeting chaired by Ute Schwens who will be retiring at the end of the year. Dorothea Zechmann will be representing the German National Library within the group then.

French-German meeting on copyrighted works in digital libraries

A subgroup of the FEP CENL Dialogue Forum is the **French-German meeting on copyrighted works in digital libraries**. IA meeting that was planned in 2024 to take place at the German National Library in Frankfurt/Main has been postponed to 2025 due to scheduling difficulties.

In 2025, the meeting shall take place 3 June 2025 with a focus on digital music.

CENL Dialogue Forum: National Libraries as Data Infrastructures

After the CENL AGM in Warsaw, no activities have been reported from the Dialogue Forum National Libraries as Data Infrastructures. It was difficult to contact Sally Chambers, Director of DARIAH-EU, who is now Head of Research Infrastructure Services at the British Library.

At the meeting in October 2024, the EC asked the Secretary to contact Sally Chambers, especially because Peter Leinen of German National Library will be retiring in the first half of 2025.

On 11 February 2025, Sally Chambers answered to the Secretary. The following information taken from her email can be regarded as a report of the group:

There was a lot of work on CENL Dialogue Forum related activities. For example, there has been the start-up of the [ECHOES project](#), which is leading the development of the European Cultural Heritage Cloud. Sally Chambers wrote that she was able to argue for the role of (National) Libraries with a keynote presentation at the [Public Launch](#).

In November, Sally Chambers gave a presentation on 'Collections as Data' activities with a presentation at the [ONB Labs Symposium 2024](#). In the context of the [Data Space for Cultural Heritage \(DS4CH\)](#), they are in the process of agreeing their Work Plan for Year 3 [...] This work is closely connected to the CENL Dialogue Forum activities and could give them an extra boost. Additionally, they are almost ready to launch the Beta-version of the KBR Data Platform, including the first 'Collections as Data' datasets and like the British Library Research Repository, could be an ideal candidate for 'Collections as Data' pilots.

Finally, inspired by the CLARIN Libraries Working Group and the CENL Dialogue Forum, the DARIAH National Coordinator Committee has instigated a DARIAH Libraries Working Group. The kick-off meeting will be held online on 24 February 2025.

The Dialogue Forum will meet in a few weeks to discuss the next steps.