

Strategic priorities for national libraries & CENL for the next 4 years

Action required:

- Prepare your answers to the questions listed below

Strategy Workshop

Tuesday, 30 November 2021, 11.15-12.30

Introduction

CENL is currently operating under its 4-year strategy (2018-2022). The Executive Committee decided to extend this strategy by one year, owing to the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic which has meant that it was difficult to undertake strategic planning with CENL members at the AGM. Extending the strategy to 2023 will allow the new Executive Committee sufficient time to discuss and plan the next 4-year strategy, and to prepare strategic workshop sessions for the 2022 AGM to finalise it. The new strategy will then be presented and signed off at the AGM in summer 2023.

At this year's conference, some of the new Executive Committee members will lead a structured conversation with CENL members on future priorities for Europe's national libraries and for CENL. This will inform the thinking for next summer's AGM programme, some of which will be dedicated to CENL's next Strategic Plan.

Format: Workshop style – 5 separate groups, led by new Executive Committee members

The group leader will escort you into one of five meeting rooms where you she/he will be setting the scene for discussion. All members will be asked to note down answers to a set number of questions, followed by a group discussion. All CENL members will then reconvene to share outcomes of the discussion.

Strategic Questions:

In advance of the AGM, please take some time to think about responses to the following questions:

1. What are your library's top 3 priorities over the next 5-year period?
2. How can CENL help support you in achieving those priorities?
3. What should CENL do MORE of / what should CENL do LESS of in the next strategy period?
4. What do you want to learn most from other CENL members?