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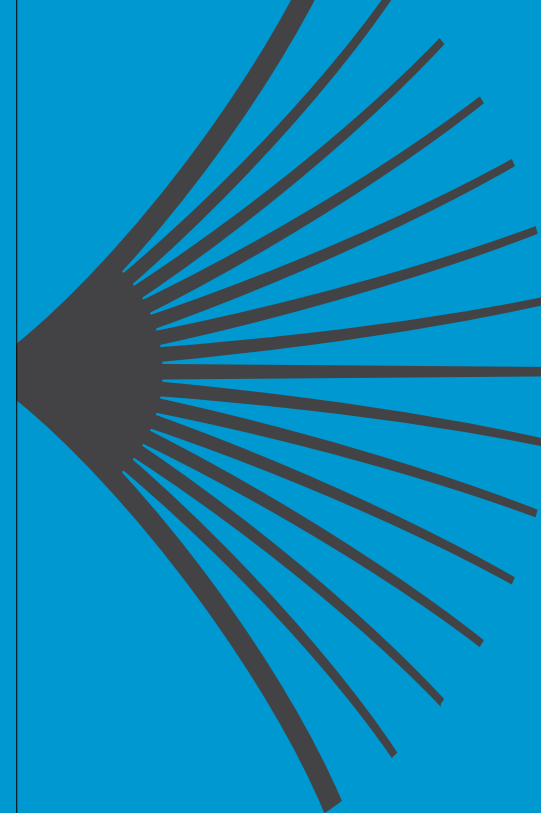
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About The European Library

The European Library is an independent not-for-profit library services organisation supported by CENL, LIBER and CERL. We collect, enrich and innovate with libraries' data and content for the widest-possible dissemination.

The European Library's mission is to be THE open data hub for library data in Europe. With a huge dataset of over 200 million records, we partner with libraries, research and learning communities, and infrastructure providers to develop tools and services that maximize library data use.

We operate on the principles of **openness** and **inclusivity**.

National and research libraries will play a vital role in Europe's growth and innovation programme, Horizon 2020, and The European Library has established itself at the cutting-edge of innovation in support of libraries' strategy.

Membership

Membership of The European Library is open to national and research libraries across Europe. The current membership base consists of all of Europe's national libraries – 48 National Libraries from 46 countries – and a growing number of research libraries. We work with both individual libraries and consortia. Research Libraries UK, representing 34 leading research libraries in the UK, was the first consortial member to join The European Library.

Why join?

Membership of The European Library offers an impressive range of benefits. They include:

- Considerable efficiency gains and economies of scale for libraries in data aggregation and distribution to multiple channels, including Europeana for digitised cultural heritage
- Being part of a large-scale linked open dataset that has real impact on scholarship and learning
- Involvement in funded research and development projects
- Representation in a powerful cloud-based research infrastructure for Europe
- Access to a best practice network of Europe's leading libraries

How much will it cost?

The membership fee structure is designed to be as equitable and affordable as possible, and the annual fee is based on a range of economic and library-specific indicators.

'RLUK, on behalf of our members, took the decision to join The European Library (TEL) to fulfil a number of key strategic activities. We see the relationship with TEL providing an opportunity to further promote the discoverability of our unique collections and enhance European (and international) scholarship. We have partnered with TEL to release our collective database of 20 million records as linked open data. TEL brings unique experience and expertise in handling such large datasets and it is hard to see how these records could have been released without their knowledge and skills. Finally, in a period where international collaborative research requires international collaborative solutions from the library community, we value the ability of TEL to provide a forum in which our members may interact more productively with equivalent institutions across Europe.'

David C Prosser PhD, Executive Director, RLUK

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