

# Value Co-Creation and Social Innovation for a New Generation of European Libraries

## LibrarIN's Stakeholder Representatives Panel: Call for expression of interest

#### 1. What is LibrarIN?

LibrarIN is a Horizon Europe project that provides new avenues for public value co-creation and a demand-driven design of European public library services as key cultural institutions. It will examine ways that libraries can develop new functions, apply new technologies, create novel services and engagement with the public that they serve. Libraries, and the people working in them, are crucial stakeholders for the project and therefore, LibrarIN is looking for candidates for its Stakeholder Representatives Panel.

The LibrarIN project is the result of a collaboration between ten partners from nine European countries and will last until October 2025. For more information, please refer to <a href="https://www.librarin.eu">www.librarin.eu</a>.

#### 2. What is the LibrarIN Stakeholder Representatives Panel?

The LibrarIN team invites experts for a panel of about 25 stakeholders from public service libraries who will be protagonists in the project development. The panel will shape the project by providing inputs and feedback about experiences of value co-creation, and will be engaged in the co-production of ideas, approaches, and policy recommendations for the project. It will form a selective representation of libraries that offer public services: national, municipal and community libraries as well as university libraries. This call for candidates concerns 25+ positions for individuals to take part in the panel and is open to library representatives from the European Economic Area (EEA)<sup>1</sup>, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

#### 3. Which stakeholders are we looking for?

LibrarIN is looking for qualified individuals (managers, experts, innovators) from libraries that provide public services, and will select candidates based on:

- 1. Interest and proven experience in innovation and dynamic value co-creation in libraries.
- 2. Motivation for:
  - a. pursuing actual pilots, or cases, in their libraries, and:
  - b. using the outcomes, tools, and recommendations of the project
- 3. A fair representation in the panel, based on:
  - a. types of libraries that provide public services, as defined in section 1;
  - b. geographical regions, as indicated in section 1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EEA: countries of the European Union and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

#### 4. What is the role of the panel?

The panel will be engaged in the co-production of ideas, approaches, and policy recommendations. By providing input and feedback about their own experiences of innovation and value co-creation, the panel will shape the LibrarIN project and provide a valuable contribution to its success. In cooperation with the project's researchers and other temporary stakeholders (e.g., users, citizens, policymakers), the stakeholders will co-create library initiatives by pursuing their own pilots in their home institutions.

Panel members will be invited to participate in five meetings over the 3-year project period that are scheduled approximately every six months over the next three years. The meetings will take place online as well as in-person at various locations in Europe. Travel expenses will be reimbursed by the LibrarIN organizing team. In between meetings, the panel will interact and exchange feedback and ideas.

### 5. Why be a panel member?

LibrarIN panel members will belong to a selected pool of thought leaders, capable of understanding and implementing transformations in libraries that offer public services. They will take part in rich knowledge-sharing exercises and will benefit by accessing first-hand knowledge together with a relevant network of multidisciplinary experts — scholars and practitioners. The horizontal knowledge-sharing approach of this panel will ensure that participants will meet their peers in a closed environment and will be able to engage in mutual learning and exchanging activities.

#### 6. How to become a panel member or ask for more information?

Candidates are invited to apply by sending a motivation letter and CV, in which their experience and/or current engagement in innovative projects is specified, to: <a href="mailto:calls@libereurope.org">calls@libereurope.org</a>. Applications must be submitted no later than March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. For more information, please refer to our contact person Barbara van der Vaart at the following e-mail address: barbara.vandervaart@libereurope.org.



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