



Partnerská země Německo - Partnerland Tschechien

Partner-country Initiative Czech Republic – Germany 2022 - 2025

Mutual agreement

The Czech Republic library scene, represented by The *Czech Republic Libraries Association* (Sdružení knihoven ČR, *SDRUK ČR*) and the German library scene, represented by the umbrella association *Library & Information Germany (Bibliothek und Information Deutschland, BID)*, hereby agree on a closer exchange of interests in joint consultation for the period March 2022 - March 2025. The partner-country initiative applies to all types of libraries and library institutions.

The *Czech Republic Libraries Association* will act as the Czech coordinating organisation for the project, and *BID* will also do the same for the German side.

Within the framework of the three-year partner-country phase, the following common goals are agreed upon:

- To strengthen the links between the Czech and German library landscapes in the form of tangible joint achievements
- To intensify exchange and knowledge sharing between both professional communities
- To foster lasting, mutually beneficial relationships between institutions and individuals in both countries.

The partner associations *Library & Information Germany (BID)* and *The Czech Republic Libraries Association* hereby agree upon the following:

A working group in both countries will coordinate and organise the different activities in its country; both groups will exchange regularly.

The partner-country initiative will be launched in spring 2022 in Germany. At the German national library congress in Leipzig, organised by *BID*, the partner country Czech Republic will be integrated into the congress programme in various ways in order to introduce itself to the German professional public and to draw attention to the launch of this initiative. Participation details will be jointly agreed by both parties.

During the three partnership years, various activities are planned:

- Regular reports on current topics of the respective other country in professional publications (online, social media and print)

- Joint discussion on various current topics in the form of lectures, online seminars, joint events (i.e., 'German-Czech dialogue on the future of libraries')
- Personal exchanges in the form of study trips to the respective other country, joint study trips to third countries, online exchanges, professional stays
- 'Librarian in Residence' (LiR). LiR is an annual scholarship for a residence programme. It applies to a specialist stay in the respective partner country. It always follows a specific annual issue. It gives library community experts an intensive insight into how respective questions are dealt with conceptually and practically in the respective partner country.
- To make the Partner Country Initiative visible and to give the various activities a visual framework, a logo will be designed which follows the corporate design of the previous partner-countries with Germany.

The archive on the activities of the partner-country initiative will be located on the German side at www.bi-international.de. On the Czech side, this will be done via the www.sdruk.cz; both will be linked.

Signed in a spirit of mutual trust and understanding,
venue, date

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