

## Senior Technical Developer for [The European Library](#)

*Are you a skilled Java developer with enthusiasm for the cultural sector? Do you like both programming and supervising technical colleagues? Do you like working in a project-orientated environment? Would you like to work in an international team? Then come and join The European Library team based in the Research and Development department of the National Library of the Netherlands in The Hague.*

We are looking for a Senior Java Developer who can lead the technical development and maintenance of The European Library. As the Senior Developer you will be responsible for supervising and coaching junior developers in addition to writing code. Leading the software development for our technical team, you will need to ensure that good software development practices are used and that suitable technical documentation is provided. You will also be the key technical point of contact for our hosting partner. Our technical team is advised by The European Library's Technical Working Group – made up of technical experts from each of our partner libraries. You will take on an active role within this group and be expected to take a lead in some of its activities. In addition, you will lead the provision of technical support for our partners in liaison with our account coordinators. Maintaining a good awareness of software developments relevant to The European Library portal will be important for this position. There will also be the opportunity to participate in technical research and development projects. Some European travel will be required.

### Profile

- University-educated Senior Java Developer (5 years+ experience)
- Experience in the technologies used by The European Library:
  - Java – J2EE with the Spring Framework and Maven
  - Hibernate, PostgreSQL
  - SOLR / Lucene
  - XML, XSLT
  - FreeMarker templates, Google Web Toolkit
  - Subversion (SVN), Trac
- Enthusiasm for the cultural sector - ideally, some of your programming experience will have been gained in a library, museum, archive or within the publishing sector
- Initiative and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work independently and also in a team
- Commitment and energy
- Good level of spoken and written English

## The Host Organisation

*De Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB)*, the National Library of the Netherlands, gives everyone access to the knowledge and culture of the past and the present by providing high-quality services for research, study and cultural experience. The collection gives access to the living memory of written, printed and electronic publications. The KB also initiates and executes innovative research projects in the field of digital technologies, web services and the preservation of the written, printed and digital Dutch heritage.

## The European Library

Launched in March 2005, The European Library is a free service that offers a single point of access to the bibliographical and digital collections of the National Libraries of Europe. It is a service of the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) and is hosted in the Research and Development department of the National Library of The Netherlands in The Hague. By the end of 2009, 46 of the 48 national libraries in Europe will have included their collections in The European Library. With the development of [Europeana](#), the cross-domain portal for Europe's cultural and scientific heritage, The European Library has become the library-domain aggregator for Europeana.

## Terms and conditions of employment

According to the [Collective Labour Agreement](#) the salary scale indicated for this job is scale 10, with a maximum of 3.707€ gross per month on the basis of a 40 hour week. For exceptional candidates, with management experience (2 years+), an appointment on scale 11, with a maximum of 4.326€ will be considered. In this position, you will be entitled to 42 days holiday per year plus holiday pay (8% paid in May) and an annual bonus (8.33% paid in December). An annual travel card, the opportunity to learn Dutch, discounted health insurance and a relocation allowance, are additional benefits.

This position is for 24 months in the first instance. The contract is likely to be renewed, subject to suitable performance and availability of funding. The contract is for a maximum of 40 hours a week based at The National Library of the Netherlands in The Hague, The Netherlands. However, part-time flexible arrangements may also be possible.

## How to apply

For questions about the job please email Sally Chambers, Technical and Metadata Manager. [sally.chambers@kb.nl](mailto:sally.chambers@kb.nl) Please send your CV and application letter to the [KB applications mailbox](#) for the attention of Ina Dijkstra with job number **2009017** in the subject line.

Final acceptance date for application: **5 October 2009 – 12:00 CET**

First interviews will be held during the week beginning: **12 October 2009**