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### The European Library seeks user opinion.

The European Library ([www.TheEuropeanLibrary.org](http://www.TheEuropeanLibrary.org)) wants to find out what works for the user of the new portal and what doesn't. Together with IRN Research ([www.irn-research.com](http://www.irn-research.com)) and in co-operation with the national libraries of Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Switzerland an online survey has been created and is available in:

**Dutch:** [www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/dutch.htm](http://www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/dutch.htm)

**English:** [www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/english.htm](http://www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/english.htm)

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**Portuguese:** [www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/portuguese.htm](http://www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/portuguese.htm)

**Slovenian:** [www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/slovenian.htm](http://www.irn-research.com/EuroLib/slovenian.htm)

The survey is mainly about the search and retrieval capability of the site and the developers would be very grateful to any researcher able to give 10-15 minutes worth of time to answering the 8 questions. The European Library will donate 2 Euros to Book Aid International ([www.bookaid.org/cms.cgi/site/index.htm](http://www.bookaid.org/cms.cgi/site/index.htm)) for every completed questionnaire it receives. The answers given will help The European Library to decide the best way to develop the portal for the benefit of its users.

The European Library is a portal for accessing the digital collections of 9 of the National Libraries of Europe. The European Library is owned by the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) and aims to access digital collections from all 43 member libraries within the next 5 years. It was launched as a Beta site in March of 2005.

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