APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Galway Public Library Address: Library Headquarters, Island House, Cathedral Square, Galway City, Ireland City: Galway Country: Ireland **Phone:** (+353)(0)91 561666 Webpage url: www.galwaylibrary.ie Contact 2.0: Facebook page, Blog's url, etc. Galway Public Libraries, galway.blogspot.com.@librariesgalway **Contact person:** Bernie Kelly **Title:** Senior Executive Librarian E-mail Address: bkelly@galwaycoco.ie LIBRARY DESCRIPTION Please, mark the characteristics of your library (mark all those appropriate): Metropolitan library Rural library Library service with branch libraries Mobile library Children and Young Adults Library Library with less than 1,000 inhabitants Library between 1,000 and 5,000 inhabitants Library between 5,000 and 10,000 inhabitants Library between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants Library between 20,000 and 30,000 inhabitants

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	Library between 100,000 and 200,000 inhabitants
	Library between 200,000 and 500,000 inhabitants
	Library with more than 500,000 inhabitants
MORE INFORMATION	

Please, tell us a bit more about your library, pictures are also welcome:

Short description: Galway City and County Library Services are provided by Galway County Council on behalf of the two Galway local authorities, Galway City Council and Galway County Council. We aim to provide a public library service for the whole community. We provide access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies. We aim to be responsive to the public library needs of our community; and to uphold the public's freedom of access to information.

The Galway Library Service consists of 29 libraries in total across the City and County. The 3 libraries in the City are purpose built, full time libraries, which the County Council operates on behalf of the City Council. There are a further 7 full time and 19 part time library facilities throughout the County, including on the Islands. A mobile library service brings books to many smaller towns and villages. There is a school's library service which distributes books to over 200 primary schools. We have approx 75 staff in total with a more or less even split between part-time and full-time.

Current library programs:

Summer Reading Challenge: This is a free programme, open to all children. Each child who registers for the programme at their local library joins in the fun of reading lots of exciting books during the

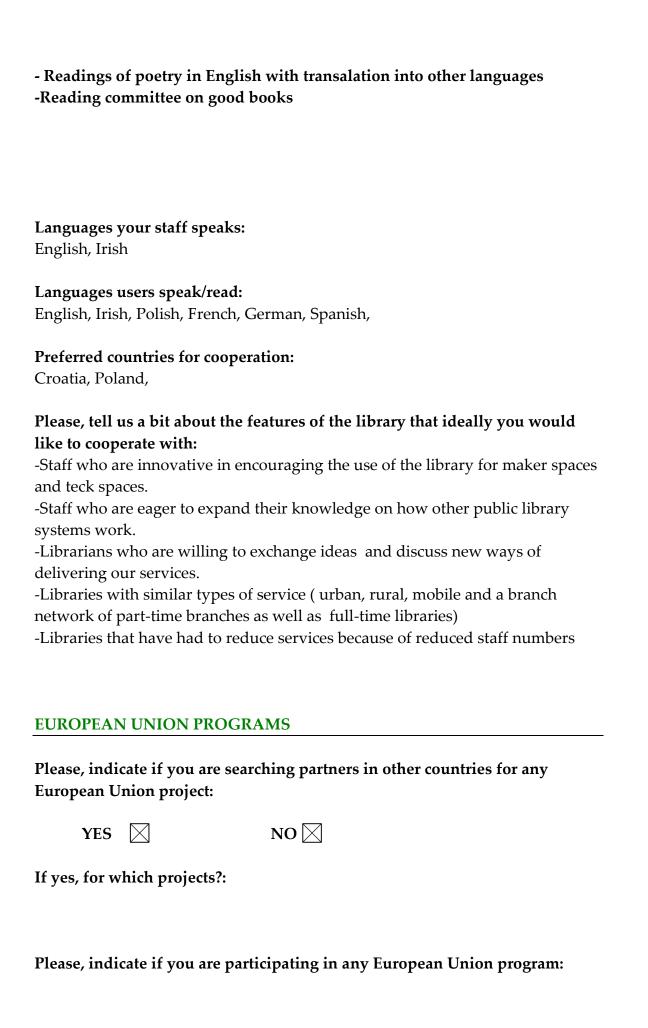
summer. (July and August) Children will receive their own Summer Reading Challenge Card to record their progress and the Summer Reading Challenge Stamp will be added to their card at the library for each book read. Fun rewards will be provided along the way. At the end of the programme, all children who have participated will be invited to attend an awards event.

- Galway Music Residency: ConTempo String Quartet, continuing its commitment to bringing performances to rural centres throughout County Galway. Lunchtime concerts at 1pm in various libraries, free to everyone. These have proved very popular over the last number of years with office workers, parents with small children and older persons providing an appreciative audience.
- One Book, One Galway: Wilderness by Roddy Doyle. The Home School community liaison service from Galway City schools join forces with Galway City Library service in this reading initiative. Over 500 children from both primary and post-primary schools in Galway city take part in the reading initiative. The aim is to bring children together for a community wide reading experience which gets the community talking, fosters community spirit, promotes tolerance and understanding and develops appreciation for reading as the gateway that makes all other learning possible.

There are also a series of events in both schools and libraries to complement the themes of the book. The events include art projects, quizzes, guest speakers and other literacy-based activities.

Please tell us about the kind of activities you would be interested in doing with your sister library:

- -Book displays
- -Reading of same books in bookclubs
- $\hbox{-} Exhibitions about each others culture/literature/lifestyle$
- -Sharing library development programms
- -Talks/lectures on each others literature
- -Musical evenings showcasing our mucical heritage
- -Donation of duplicate books
- -Discussion on challenges/opportunities facing public libraries
- -Celebrate Europe Day, 9th May



YES NO NO