

During the 'Global Forum for Publishers in Grey Literature' hosted earlier this year by the TIB – Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology a proposal was presented calling for the launch of a **Grey Literature Publisher Commons**:

"While organizations producing grey literature are diverse in scale as well as in subject areas, the works that they produce, the value-added information and rich metadata they assign, and the open access they provide is a clear demonstration of their publisher identity. Bringing multiple grey literature organizations together into a Publisher Commons would certainly further raise the level of recognition of each and all. A Grey Literature Publisher Commons would provide a point of access for the multiple document types and formats of textual and non-textual grey literature publications. This would ensure their discoverability, while increasing the visibility of the publications as well as their publishing bodies. A Grey Literature Publisher Commons would create and support a collaborative environment in which shared experience and expertise could be readily tapped. It would further lead in developing and sustaining resources required for grey literature publishers to maintain a cutting edge in research required for innovation *e.g.* with regard to artificial intelligence. The launch of a Grey Literature Publisher Commons would likewise benefit from an existing network *i.e.* GreyNet International. In this way, it would be able to count on the support of an organization with over thirty years of experience in this field of information with established contacts worldwide."

In follow-up to that proposal and on behalf of GreyNet International, your response to these three questions are requested:

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think a 'Grey Literature Publisher Commons' would be of real benefit to this field of information?

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think your organization would consider taking part in a 'Grey Literature Publisher Commons'?

3. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think you or another representative from your organization would be able to attend an onsite event in 2027, where serious consideration would be given to the launch of a 'Grey Literature Publisher Commons'?

**Your reply is of significant importance in the outcome of this proposal: [info@greynet.org](mailto:info@greynet.org)**

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