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On behalf of the European Commission, KPMG Management Consulting is to conduct a study into the library systems market across Europe. It will investigate the direction R&D is taking and identify fruitful areas for collaborative research involving libraries and systems suppliers.

Neil Cameron, who is leading the project for KPMG, comments: "The European market is small and fragmented, and although US software tends to dominate, there are elements in the US systems that are not suitable to most European users. By undertaking this research, the Commission will be in a position to ensure that suitable European library systems are developed and to enable libraries to exchange information electronically".

The Commission has been fostering R&D in library technology and services for some time, and is currently preparing a new programme for the next four years. In view of the increasing use of networked services, there is likely to be a growing requirement for computerised support in all aspects of library work. In this context, the KPMG study will be reviewing the future needs of European libraries and the current R&D plans of library systems suppliers.

The KPMG team would be interested in receiving short submissions from interested libraries on their concerns over current library system functionality and their views on their needs for the future.

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