



**READING THE WESTERN BALKANS
CALL – Q21 WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE – TRANSLATOR-IN-RESIDENCE**

Since 2009, the BMEIA, in cooperation with Q21 (www.q21.at) in the MuseumsQuartier, has offered a Writer-in-Residence program for authors from the Black Sea region, Central and Eastern Europe, and South-eastern Europe. Since then, more than 80 authors have spent a writing residency in Vienna, were able to present their work to a German-speaking audience, and established contacts with the local literary scene. The Q21 provides a studio in the MuseumsQuartier in the centre of Vienna while the BMEIA grants a monthly allowance of 1.050 €.

From September 1, 2021, this scholarship program will now also be dedicated to a group of the most important cultural mediators, namely translators.

For the period from September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, authors and translators from Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, North-Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania are invited to apply for 2 months each. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2021, and 4 authors (at least two female authors) and 4 translators (at least two female translators) will be selected from each of the applications.

Authors who have at least one publication in the genres of novels, short prose, short stories, essays and poetry with a publisher in their country of origin after Jan. 1, 2017 can apply for an author residency. The application must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae, a bibliography of publications, reviews of their works that have appeared in the media, and a letter of motivation or a project description of no more than 2300 characters (not including spaces). The submission of the last published work is an important basis for the selection, which is made by a jury composed of experts in the field of literature, translation and publishing. The prerequisite for the application for authors is a basic knowledge of English or German.

A translator may apply for a two-month residency if he or she can show at least one translation of Austrian contemporary literature (published from the year 2000 ongoing) into his or her native language published by a publisher in his or her home country within the last three years from the date of application. The application must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae, a bibliography of previous translations, and a project description of no more than 2300 characters (excluding spaces). The submission of the translated work is an important basis for the selection, which is made by a jury composed of experts in the fields of literature, translation and publishing.

The data volume of the mail should not exceed 5 MB. Please send your application to the following e-mail address: AbtV2@bmeia.gv.at and ehajek@mqw.at