

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: INVITATION PROGRAM TO LEIPZIG BOOK FAIR 2022 (MARCH 16 TO 19)

Organized by the Goethe-Institut in co-operation with Leipzig Book Fair and the S. Fischer Foundation.

Leipzig Book Fair has always been a meeting place for literature and different cultures. The traditional focus of Leipzig Book Fair - literature from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe – has meanwhile developed into an important meeting point for publishers, authors and translators from these regions. This development is emphasised by “Common Ground. Literature from South-East Europe” – the regional focus at Leipzig Book Fair 2020 – 2022. All the countries of South-East Europe for the first time jointly present their literature and their authors to the public. By offering a three-day invitation program to the fair, we aim to foster and further establish meaningful relations in the literary world between the German speaking countries and the TRADUKI network.

Literature professionals will get a profound insight into the German-language book market. They will gain more access to German-language literature through reliable networks. It is also, importantly, a great opportunity to present and promote literature from the Southeast European countries of the TRADUKI network to the German-speaking literature world.

Through the fostering of professional dialogue, the profile of TRADUKI in the respective countries and in the German-speaking countries will gain increased visibility. Desirable outcomes would include long-term co-operation and continuation of translation funding.

The program consists of informational events with a focus on Leipzig Book Fair, the German book market and the German literature business and a guided fair tour as well as a profound personal exchange between the participants.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The program will take place from **March 16 to 19, 2022**, including a three-day visit to the fair and participation possibly in the official opening ceremony on March 16.

The invitation includes accommodation, admission and a per diem allowance. Travel expenses will be reimbursed with a lump sum.

The working language during the program will be English.

Before the participation at Leipzig Book Fair a digital Get-together will take place in mid-January.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Qualified literature professionals (e.g. publishers, agents, representatives of literary institutions, translators, writers or other experts) who strongly engage in literary exchange and want to broaden their network to include other countries of the TRADUKI network and the German-speaking literary scene.

One participant from each of the following countries is eligible and will be chosen from the applicants: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.

A good command of English is an elementary prerequisite; knowledge of German is also highly recommended.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

The closing date for applications is **November 18, 2021**.

Applicants must send a letter of interest as well as a CV. In the letter of interest (not to exceed one page) applicants should mention their range of practical experience especially in the field of translations and international programs as well as the main objectives of their participation in the program.

The letter must be written in English. Further telephone interviews at a later stage to test the language proficiency might take place.

A jury consisting of members of the Goethe-Institut / Literature Department, Leipzig Book Fair and the S. Fischer Foundation will select the participants. The result will be announced in the middle of December 2021.

CONTACT PERSONS

Please send your application **exclusively to the Goethe-Institut in your country** via email.

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