

1 PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT

Flanders Literature awards grants to foreign organisations and publishers that invite Flemish authors (writers, translators, illustrators and comics artists) to events abroad that are closely linked to their literary activity. Such events may include readings, press presentations, festivals, book fairs, exhibitions, etc. and should always include at least one event open to the public.

2 WHICH ORGANISATIONS QUALIFY?

This grant may be awarded to organisations that are inviting Flemish authors and illustrators of literary work (fiction, poetry, essays, drama, creative nonfiction, children's and youth literature and graphic novels) with recent translations.

Regarding the existence of recent translations, the following conditions will be taken into account:

- **Playwrights** should have written at least one play that has been staged by a professional theatre company and/or has been translated into a language that will be used at the event.
- **Authors** should have had one translation of a literary work published in book form in a language that will be used at the event.
- **Illustrators** should have had a translation of a literary work published in book form in the language in which the event will take place or should have exhibited a substantial number of works.
- **Poets** should have had a substantial number of poems published in a language that will be used at the event.

Organisations inviting the following artists do not qualify:

- **Cross-over and interdisciplinary artists whose work cannot be regarded as primarily literary.** These artists should make use of the grants provided by the Arts Department of the Government of Flanders.
- **Authors professionally affiliated with an educational or academic institution** attending workshops or giving lectures with a **primarily educational or academic aim** (at universities, schools, etc.).
- **Lecturers** specialising in the works of other writers and/or literary subjects.

3 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The grant covers, or contributes to, the travel expenses of Flemish authors who are invited abroad.

- Flanders Literature only finances (part of) economy-class flights, second-class train journeys and a motor vehicle allowance of 0.15 euro per kilometre.
- Accommodation, enrolment fees and any other expenses are to be paid by the foreign organisation.
- The maximum sum that can be awarded is **500 euros**.

The grant does not cover the author's fee or accommodation costs. Flanders Literature expects the organisation to provide an author's fee and accommodation in case the author is asked to participate at a certain programme (lecture, presentation, workshop, performance etc.).

This financial support is granted in accordance with the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to de minimis aid (OJ L379 of 28 December 2006). Publishers who receive translation or production grants will therefore be required to sign a declaration letter confirming that the total amount of de minimis aid granted to them over a period of three financial years does not exceed 200,000 euros.

4 CRITERIA

When evaluating applications for travel grants, Flanders Literature considers:

- the aim of the visit;
- the programme for the author;
- the literary quality of the author's work. If the work is not actively promoted by Flanders Literature, a specialist advisory committee is asked to assess the literary quality of the original book. That committee may choose to consult other experts;
- the estimated costs and the requested grant;
- the existence of recent translations of work by the invited author in a language that will be used at the event;
- the effort to target and reach the right audience.

5 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

□ DEADLINE

Applications may be submitted throughout the year, but must arrive at Flanders Literature **at least six weeks before the event takes place**. Every effort is made to process all applications within that period, provided the submitted information is complete.

□ DOSSIER

In order to evaluate an application, we require the following documents:

- a copy of the application form;
- a copy of the invitation to the author;
- a description of the organisation;
- a programme and any other relevant information about the event;
- any other information that might help in our evaluation of the application.

□ DECISION AND PAYMENT

Based on the submitted estimate of the travel costs, a **provisional** amount for the grant will be established and the applicants will be informed.

The **final** amount of the grant shall never exceed the provisional amount.

This final grant will be established and paid after the event and following **presentation of the original tickets or invoice of the travel agency**.

□ CONDITIONS

It would be appreciated if you could also include the Flanders Literature logo in the communication about the event. The correct logo (in colour and in B&W) can be found at the bottom of each page on our website.

If the organisation receives further grants or financial contributions from third parties for the same project, Flanders Literature must be informed of this. The Flanders Literature grant will not be paid if the publisher is already receiving a grant for the same travel costs from another body.

The grant must be used for the event described in the application form. In case of changes or cancellation, the grant or any advances must be returned to Flanders Literature.



Please send the application form and its attachments to:

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