

1 PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT

Flanders Literature awards grants to foreign language publishers for the publication of literary picture books and graphic novels, illustrated by Dutch-speaking Belgian illustrators and originally published by a Flemish or Dutch publishing house. The purpose of such grants is to stimulate the international publication of work by Flemish illustrators and comic artists. The quality of a translation is the key to the success of a translated book. This is why Flanders Literature encourages publishers to work with professional literary translators and emphasises the importance of high-quality translations.

2 WHICH PUBLICATIONS QUALIFY?

The following publications qualify for support: high-quality literary picture books and graphic novels. The publication itself must be intended for a general audience. The following are excluded:

- self-published texts;
- special or bibliophile editions with limited availability;
- publications with a limited print run;
- unaltered reprints.

Publications that meet the above requirements, but in respect of which an advance payment for royalties in excess of 25,000 euro has been paid, are likewise excluded from financial support from Flanders Literature.

3 CRITERIA

When evaluating a project, Flanders Literature considers:

- **the literary quality of the original book:** the representative nature and relevance of the title in question to the image of literary work by Flemish authors and illustrators. There must be a coherent balance between the text, the illustrations and the design of the book as a whole, which must be of a high literary and pictorial quality. Flanders Literature may ask its specialist advisory committee to assess the literary and artistic quality of the original book. That committee may choose to consult other experts;
- **the status of the publisher:** catalogue, speciality, distribution and marketing efforts, special interest in translation, editorial accuracy, etc.;
- **the translator's contract:** professional contract and correct remuneration for the translation, respecting copyright laws;
- **the quality of the translator:** previous projects supported by Flanders Literature or the Dutch Foundation for Literature, other completed projects and experience in translating from the Dutch language in this particular genre;
- **the quality of the translation:** the final translation for which the grant is requested must be faithful to the original text, respecting style, spirit and content;
- **the degree to which the publication contributes to the promotion of Flemish literature** in the country and language area of the intended publication.

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 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foreign language publishers can apply for financial assistance to cover up to 15% of the production costs (with a maximum of 2,800 euro) and up to 100% of the translator's fee for the first 7,500 words. For any number of words after the first 7,500 the support can amount up to 80% for economically weaker countries¹ and up to 60% for other countries (see table below).

The amount granted is based on the translator's fee as specified in the contract between the foreign language publisher and the translator and on the direct production costs (press and prepress).

Flanders Literature expects publishers to remunerate translators fairly and adequately. When calculating the amount of the grant, Flanders Literature takes into account the customary rates for translation in the country in question.

The maximum amount of a grant for illustrated books is 8,000 euro.

Publishers may apply for grants for a maximum of four books by the same illustrator. The grant amounts to up to 100% of the translator's fee and up to 15% of the production costs for the first two books. For the third and the fourth book by the same illustrator, the grant will amount to up to 100% of the translator's fee and up to 10% of the production costs. The support for translation after 7,500 words is cut back proportionally for the third and fourth book.

	TITLE 1 + 2		TITLE 3		TITLE 4	
	translation	production	translation	production	translation	production
< 7,500 w	100%	15%	100%	10%	100%	10%
> 7,500 w	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 60%	15%	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 50%	10%	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 40%	10%
> 7,500 w economically weaker country	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 80%	15%	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 70%	10%	first 7,500w: 100% after 7,500w: 60%	10%

*All percentages are maximum amounts.

5 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

□ DEADLINE

Applications may be submitted throughout the year, and must be received **at least three months before the printing of the book**. Every effort is made to process all applications within two months, 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 detailed estimate of the production costs (prepress and press);
- a copy of the contract between the publishing company and the owner of the Dutch-language rights, signed by all parties;
- a copy of the contract between the publishing company and the translator, signed by all parties;
- in case of a first application: a recent catalogue of the company's publications (paper or digital).

¹ Countries with a nominal GDP per capita lower than 60% of the EU average.

The functioning of Flanders Literature is established by the decree of 30 March 1999 (Belgisch Staatsblad – Belgian Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees – 27 August 1999), the decree of 30 April 2004 amending the establishment decree (Belgisch Staatsblad – Belgian Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees – 29 June 2004), the organisational code of December 2009 and the specific regulations of each form of grant. These texts are available upon request from Flanders Literature or at www.flandersliterature.be.

If the translator is not accredited by Flanders Literature or the Dutch Foundation for Literature, please also submit:

- the final (edited) translation (PDF);
- a copy of the translator's curriculum vitae.

Based on this information, at least two experts will assess the translation and issue a recommendation on the quality of the translation to Flanders Literature. The assessors will be native speakers of the target language, have a thorough knowledge of the Dutch language, and will generally be experienced translators and/or linguists.

If the application is incomplete, the applicant will be informed. The applicant will then be given two weeks to provide the missing documentation.

❑ DECISION AND PAYMENT

Based on the submitted estimate of production costs and on the translator's fee stated in the translator's contract, a **provisional** amount for the grant will be established and the applicants will be informed by email and post.

The **final** amount of the grant shall never exceed the provisional amount. This final amount will be established and paid after Flanders Literature has received:

- a low-resolution **pdf file** of the translated book by email;
- **five hard copies** of the translated book. If Flanders Literature would like to receive more copies, this will be stated in the official confirmation letter. The requested copies must have been received by Flanders Literature within six months of the book's publication;
- **copies of invoices for prepress and press costs and a copy of the publisher's bank statement that proves the payment to the translator** has been made as indicated in the contract between the publisher and the translator. The amount of the grant will be reduced proportionally if the amount of the invoices is lower than estimated, or if the fee paid to the translator is less than stated in the contract.

❑ CONDITIONS

Financial support is granted on the condition that the publisher agrees to state in the book that publication was made possible (or aided) by a grant from Flanders Literature. It is therefore essential to apply in good time.

The **Flanders Literature logo** and the following **acknowledgement** should be printed in the book: *This book was published with the support of Flanders Literature (www.flandersliterature.be)*. The correct logo (in colour and B&W) can be found at the bottom of each page on our website.

If the publisher 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 costs from another body.

Flanders Literature expects the publisher to be strongly committed to the translated text. Flanders Literature also expects the publisher to make every effort with regard to the editing of the publication and its marketing, promotion and distribution to bookshops, libraries and relevant media. The translated edition must be distributed nationally through recognised general book-trade channels. A publication that has been awarded a grant by Flanders Literature must be available for purchase for at least one year without being sold at bargain prices in discount shops.

The publisher must inform Flanders Literature without delay if the project is modified (e.g. publication date or print run).



Please send the application form and its attachments to:

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