Slovenian Book Agency: funding opportunities for foreign publishers

Grants for the translation and publication of works by Slovenian authors

The Slovenian Book Agency’s main form of international promotion is the co-financing of translations of Slovenian literature into foreign languages. Eligible works include adult fiction, children’s and young adult fiction, essayistic and critical works on culture and the humanities, plays, graphic novels and comics. Applicants must be legal persons (e.g. publishing houses, theatres). The available grants cover up to 100% of translation costs, to a maximum of 10.000€. Grants cannot be awarded retroactively.

In light of Slovenia’s role as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023, a special tender for translations into German has been introduced. This grant can cover up to 50% of all costs connected with a book’s publication and promotion (excluding license fees), to a maximum of 11.000€ for first publications, or 50% of all costs (excluding license fees), to a maximum of 3.000€ for reprints, where eligible costs are printing, typesetting, cover design and corrections.

**Grants for printing costs**

Foreign publishers can apply for contributions towards the costs of printing translations of Slovenian authors. The funding can cover up to 70% of printing costs, to a maximum of 3.000€. Applicants must be legal persons (e.g. publishing houses, theatres). Grants cannot be awarded retroactively.

**Slovenia – Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023**

In 2022 and 2023 publishers from EU countries can apply for a fixed sum of 5.398,48€ towards the costs of translating, editing, printing and publishing Slovenian works in foreign languages.

Travel grants are also available for Slovene authors, translators, editors or rights agents, who have been invited to literary or industry events abroad. An invitation and the program for the event must be enclosed with the application. Successful applicants will be awarded a fixed sum of 747,67€ for events in Europe or 1.343,65€ for events outside Europe. There is one call per year, which covers trips throughout the year.

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