WHAT CHALLENGES FOR BOOKS AND READING IN EUROPE?
24 February 2022, online

Program

9.30 a.m. | Welcome
by Christine Carrier (FR), Head of the Bibliothèque publique d’information

Opening
by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Minister of Culture of France
Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Education and Youth (tbc)

10.00 to 11.45 a.m. | Sustainable development: European libraries can act!
Round table moderated by Ton Van Vlimmeren (NL), President of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA), with

- Raphaëlle Bats (FR), library curator, co-director of the URFIST at the University of Bordeaux, leader of the working group "Library and Agenda 2030" at the origin of the website www.agenda2030bib.fr
- Reiner Schmock-Bathe (GER), head of the section Urban culture, libraries, archives, art and music schools, cultural affairs and European funding of the Berlin city council
- Giuseppe Vitiello (IT), Directeur of EBLIDA
- Eva Maydell (BUL), Member of the European Parliament from the European People’s Party Group and member of Library lovers (tbc)
10.00 to 11.45 a.m. | **Translation for the sake of cultural diversity in Europe: a report, and after?**

Round table moderated by Xavier North, Chair of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) working group «Translation and Multilingualism» whose report is due in February 2022 with

- Antje Contius (GER), literary translator
- Martijn Nicolaas (NL), literary translator
- Arturo Peral (ESP), literary translator
- Arnaud Pasquali (FR), policy officer – Creative Europe – DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture – Commission Européenne.

To present the report, and then

- Cécile Deniard (FR), literary translator, coordinator of the CEATL Copyright Group
- Barbara Gessler (GER), Head of Unit Creative Europe – DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture - European Commission
- Elena Pasoli (IT), Director of the Bologna Children’s Book Fair
- Seid Serdarević (CRO), founder of Fraktura Publishing.

11.45 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. | **Pause**

2.00 to 3.45 p.m. | **Publishing natively accessible digital books: preparing for the implementation of the "accessibility" directive**

Round table moderated by Laurent Le Meur, Technical Director of EDRLab, with

- Anne Bergman-Tahon (BEL), Director of Federation of European Publishers
- Cristina Mussinelli (IT), Secretary General of the LIA Foundation
- Fernando Pinto da Silva (FR), vice-president of the National Consultative Council of Disabled People in charge of the accessibility, universal design and digital commission
- Ted van der Togt (NL), researcher at the KB National Library of the Netherlands, expert in digital publications and accessibility.

2.00 to 3.45 p.m. | **How to build a Europe of bookshops?**

Round table moderated by Nicole Vulser, journalist at Le Monde, with

- Isabelle Lemarchand (FR), bookseller and president of the Association Internationale des Libraires Francophones
- Fabian Paagman (NL), bookseller and co-president of the European and International Booksellers Federation
- Jesús Trueba (ESP), bookseller and head of technological development of www.todostuslibros.com, e-commerce platform of the Spanish Confederation of Booksellers’ Unions and Associations
- Alexandra Geese (GER), Member of the European Parliament from the Green Group / European Free Alliance (tbc)

3.45 to 4.00 p.m. | **Pause**
4.00 to 5.45 p.m. | **Writing, publishing, bringing books to their readers: freedoms into question?**

Round table moderated by **Lucie Campos**, Director of Villa Gillet, with

- **Monique Canto-Sperber** (FR), philosopher and author of *Sauver la liberté d’expression*
- **Eszter Vince** (HON), publisher and director of Vince Books
- **Author (tbc)**

5.45 p.m. | **Closing**

by **Nicolas Georges** (FR), Director of Books and Reading Service, Ministry of Culture, France.

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