

## TRANSLATIONS GRANT PROGRAMME

Every year the National Culture Fund launches a Translation grant programme, which finances projects for literature, translation and publication of books by Bulgarian authors in the countries of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland. Eligible applicants are legal entities and organisations registered outside Bulgaria and active in the field of translated literature, book publishing and culture in general. The Translations grant programme finances projects for literature translation and publication of books written by Bulgarian authors. This allows channelling Bulgarian public funds for a more sustainable positioning of Bulgarian literature and Bulgarian authors internationally, ensuring better employment and stability for translators from Bulgarian language into another target language, and establishment of long-term partnerships, high quality exchange, and good practices in the area of literary translations.

The Programme **objectives** are:

- promoting Bulgarian literature abroad by supporting the literature translation, publication, distribution and promotion of diverse genre of Bulgarian literature in various languages;
- support for creative activity and visibility of Bulgarian translators.

*Over the years, the priorities of the Programme have undergone changes in line with current demands and trends, in the following chronological order:*

Programme **priorities** for 2022:

- projects for translation publications for languages where Bulgarian literature has been previously under-represented in; and/or
- projects which have the intent to publish in more than one format (print, electronic, audio).

Programme priorities for 2021:

- include translation of Bulgarian literature for children and youth;
- include a plan for the promotion of the product and expansion of their audience;
- include contemporary publishing trends and plan the inclusion of digital tools for dissemination.

Programme priorities for 2020:

- include a strategy for sustainable market presence;
- are popularising and expanding its market reach through translations and events;
- accomplish prospective translations and events.

***Funding amount:***

In 2023 The Translation Grant Programme will fund project costs of up to 20,000 BGN inclusiv.

***Eligible applicants:***

- entities and organisations registered outside Bulgaria, active in the field of translated literature, publishing, and other cultural activities (including state, municipal, private).\* \* Application submissions to The National Culture Fund system can be in English or in Bulgarian, at the applicants' discretion. Eligible projects:

- literary translation projects from Bulgarian language, publishing, distribution, and promotion of Bulgarian fiction outside Bulgaria;

- a single organisation may apply with a maximum of one title;

- the translation title the application refers to must be an original Bulgarian language publication;

- Projects for the publication of translation of literature in all genres are eligible, including poetry, fiction, drama, child and young adult literature, literary essays, comic books, etc.

- Projects for the reprinting of translations which have been already published in the relevant language, must be accompanied by detailed justification of the need of reprinting.

- Projects for new translations of works already published in the relevant language must be accompanied by a detailed justification of the need for a new translation.