



The selected countries for the European Prize for Literature in 2017 are [Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Iceland, Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Serbia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom](#)

Albania

Coordinator Union of Albanian Publishers
President **Mr. Petrit Ymeri**, President of the Association of Albanian Publishers
Members **Prof. Dr. Kristina Jorgaqi** - Professor of Sociolinguistics, University of Tirana
Ms. Diana Çuli - Distinguished writer and journalist
Mr. Lati Muhedini - Executive Director of Friend's Book House Bookshop
Mr. Gëzim Tafa - Executive Director of Publishing House Ombra GVG

Bulgaria

Coordinator Bulgarian PEN Centre
President **Boyko Lambovski**, PEN Bulgaria President
Members **Dr. Amelia Licheva** - University professor
Mr. Ivan Golev - Bulgarian Writer's Union, editor, publisher and writer
Ms. Julia Zinzova - Director of the Sofia Library
Ms. Rada Sharlandjieva - Union of Bulgarian Translators. mira Sadikovic, professor at Faculty of Philosophy, Member of PEN Center

Czech Republic

Coordinator The Association of Czech Booksellers and Publishers
President **Prof. Tomáš Kubíček**, Director of the library "Moravská zemská knihovna"
Members **Jindřich Jůzl** - Director of the publishing house "Odeon"
Jakub Petr - Owner of the bookstore "Papyrus"
Jan Němec - Writer and editor, EUPL winner 2014
Tomáš Zmeškal - Writer, EUPL winner 2011

Greece

Coordinator Hellenic Authors' Society
President **Yiorgos Chouliaras**, poet and essayist
Members **Achilleas Kyriakidis** - Author and translator
Aristotelis Sainis - literary critic
Makis Tsitas - author and previous recipient of EUPL
George Nikas, President of OMEBE, Federation of Greek Publishers

Iceland

Coordinator The Writers' Union of Iceland
President **Ms. Tinna Asgeirsdottir**
Members **Oddny Eir Ævarsdottir** - EUPL winner 2014
Mrs. Ingibjörg Ferdinandsdottir

Latvia

Coordinator Latvian Writers' Union
President **Mr. Arno Jundze**: chairman of the Latvian Writers Union, writer, journalist and literary scientist.
Members **Mrs. Ieva Kolmane** - Member of the Latvian Writers' Union Board, literary critic & translator (kolmane@latnet.lv)
Mrs. Inga Žolude - the winner of the EUPL 2011; prose writer, columnist, critic, teacher of creative writing.
Mrs. Renate Punka - President of Latvian Publishers' Association; Director of Janis Roze Publishers; translator.
Mrs. Bārbala Simsons - literary scientist, Head of Department for Latvian Language and Literature publishing house Zvaigzne ABC Publishers.

Malta

Coordinator The Maltese Language Academy
President **Dr Marco Galea**
Members **Prof. Stella Borg Barthet**
Dr Adrian Grima
Fr Norbert Ellul Vincenti
Dr Stephen Bonanno

Montenegro

Coordinator The Montenegrin Association of Independent Writers
President **Andrej Nikolaidis** - Writer of novels, essayist, EUPL Winner 2011
Members **Ognjen Spahić** - Writer of novels and short stories, EUPL Winner 2014
Dragana Tripković - poetess and dramatist
Vasko Raičević - Dramatist, Assistant Professor at Academy of Drama Arts in Montenegro
Ethem Mandić - writer of novels, Assistant Professor at Faculty of Montenegrin Language and Literature.

The Netherlands

Coordinator Vereniging van Letterkundigen
President
Members **Menno Hartman** - Publisher, Van Oorschot
Bob Kappen - Bookseller
Maria Vlaar - Writer, journalist, Chairwoman of VSenV

Serbia

Coordinator Serbian PEN Centre
President **Zoran Paunovic** - Writer, translator and literary critic, Vice-President of Serbian PEN

Members **Jelena Lengold** - Writer, EUPL winner 2011
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Srdjan Tesin - Writer and literary critic, member of Serbian PEN center

Turkey

Coordinator Turkish PEN Centre
President **Zeynep Oral** - PEN Turkey President
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 Çiler İlhan - EUPL Winner 2011
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 Tarık Günersel - PEN Turkey

United Kingdom

Coordinator The Society of Authors
President **Cathy Rentzenbrink** - Writer, journalist & contributing editor to the Bookseller
Members **Martin Neild** - former publisher, university professor and CEO of his own
 coaching company in the publishing industry
 Adam Foulds - Writer, EUPL winner 2011
 Nic Bottomley - Independent Bookseller, Vice-President of the Booksellers
 Association of the UK & Ireland
 Arifa Akbar - Journalist, critic and columnist