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Subject: Day of European Authors  
*- Information from the Commission*

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Commission on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under ‘Any other business’ for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 7 March 2023.

## **Day of European Authors**

### **Background note from the European Commission**

The **Day of European Authors** is a new initiative of the Commission that will be celebrated for the first time on 27 March 2023. The objective of the initiative is twofold: (1) promote European Authors through activities carried out in all Member States by active players of the book sector and (2) encourage reading, in particular in schools.

**Three different actions** are proposed under the Day of European Authors:

- 1. Reading in schools;**
- 2. Tour of European authors;**
- 3. Conference on reading promotion.**

#### **Reading in schools**

The action will include parallel events in secondary schools across the EU Member States. Schools are invited to organise reading sessions with authors or other such popular figures to read aloud. To raise awareness of the diversity around book publishing, schools may also invite a representative of the sector to present the different professions (authors, illustrators, translators, editors etc.)

Schools interested in participating in this action will find more information on the webpage:

<https://culture.ec.europa.eu/cultural-and-creative-sectors/books-and-publishing/day-of-european-authors>

### **European authors in schools**

To celebrate the Day of European Authors, events will be organised in schools. Schools are invited to welcome authors for reading out loud moments.

In addition, the Commission will facilitate visits of European authors in schools, through the tour of 40 authors. It will increase the visibility of the participating authors and translators and give young readers access to the power of reading and the rich diversity of European authors.

### **Conference on reading promotion**

The conference on reading promotion will take place on 27 March 2023, in Sofia, Bulgaria, with the aim of sharing experiences and practices on reading. The conference will gather Member States' representatives of the ministries of Culture and Education, relevant public institutions and national NGOs active in this field, as well as organisations representing the book and cultural sectors at European level (such as EURead; the Federation of European Publishers; the European and International Booksellers Federation; the European Writers Council; the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations; European Union National Institutes for Culture).

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