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Open Call for Writers and Translators Residency

ULYSSES' SHELTER

Call announcement: October 9, 2019

Submission deadline: November 9, 2019

What is it about?

ULYSSES' SHELTER is the second stage of a project co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union aiming to build a network of exchange literary residencies across Europe and designed primarily for young writers of prose and/or poetry and literary translators. It is led by the Croatian publisher and literary agency **Sandorf** and managed jointly by **Literature Across Frontiers** and **Wales Literature Exchange** in Wales. The other partners are **Krokodil** in Belgrade, Serbia, **Thraka** in Larissa, Greece, and the **Slovene Writers Association** in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The literary residency programme will take place on the island Mljet (Croatia), in Ljubljana (Slovenia), in Larissa (Greece), in Belgrade (Serbia) and several locations in Wales, and focuses on audience development and transnational mobility for emerging authors. It will allow young authors and translators to work, perform and present themselves in two different social and cultural contexts. The residencies can bring new opportunities and possibilities to establish contact with other authors, translators, editors, publishers and/or representatives of various literary organisations from Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Wales and Greece. The residencies will be accompanied by a supporting programme of activities and events aimed at specific local target groups.

The theme of the first year of the Ulysses' Shelter 2 project concerning all the residents chosen in this call is **Library** - both as a physical space and a virtual database of important and relevant data for any social, cultural or artistic context. Inspired by the setting up of the International Library of Poetry connected with the Mljet residency as a part of Ulysses' Shelter project, the selected residents will be invited to reflect on the significance of library as one of the most important symbols of peace and mutual human understanding by contributing a poem, an essay, a blog entry or a translation relating to the subject, in addition to any new work they will produce during their residency.

Where is it?

Mljet (Croatia): January 2020 to mid-May 2020; November 2020 to December 2020

Ljubljana (Slovenia): January 2020 to mid-May 2020

Larissa (Greece): January 2020 to December 2020

Belgrade (Serbia): January 2020 to December 2020

Wales: mid-April 2020 to December 2020

How long are the residencies?

Mljet (Croatia): 2 or 3 weeks

Ljubljana (Slovenia): 2 or 3 weeks

Larissa (Greece): 2 or 3 weeks

Belgrade (Serbia): 2 weeks

Wales (several locations): 2 weeks

Who is eligible to apply?

- Applicants must be writers of prose and/or poetry, or literary translators
- Applicants must have at least two books of their own work or of literary translation published, or one book and equivalent portfolio of publications in print and/or edited online periodicals
- Applicants must be no older than 40 (maximum age must be 40 years on deadline date)
- Applicants must be Welsh or resident in Wales
- Applicants must be able to travel to two of the four other participating countries
- Applicants must be able to go to two residencies in one year
- Applicants must be open to collaborate and work with other artists and partners
- Applicants must write an entry for the ULYSSES' SHELTER website Tovar.hr during their residency
- Applicants should be interested in fostering a relationship with the local audience

What is offered?

- Two residencies in two different countries during one year
- An introduction session, artist talk or other events/workshops
- Support for the resident
- Promoting residents on the ULYSSES' SHELTER social media accounts, newsletter, and website Tovar.hr, as well as on all partners' social media accounts, newsletters, and websites
- Networking possibilities and international visibility
- Covered accommodation and travel expenses (economy class)
- Fee and Subsistence 300 EUR gross including all taxes is offered in Croatia, Greece, Serbia, Slovenia
- An opportunity for an ambitious young writer or translator to benefit from a unique experience which can strengthen their career to create a work, do the necessary research, as well as experiment and take on a new direction in their writing

NOTE: To be considered for the residency programme applicants must meet all eligibility criteria.

What are the submission requirements?

Please send a single PDF which includes:

1. CV (no longer than one page)
2. Motivational letter that includes an explanation of why the applicant wants to visit specific residencies and a plan of what they want to work on while there, e.g. working on a new novel, short story or poetry collection, translation, etc. (no longer than one page)
3. Bibliography of publications in book form, in magazines and online
4. Preferences of residencies¹
5. One recommendation letter (Optional)

Applications must be sent to info@lit-across-frontiers.org and post@waleslitexchange.org by midnight November 9, 2019.

For any further questions about the open call, you can contact info@lit-across-frontiers.org and post@waleslitexchange.org with subject line Ulysses Shelter.

When will the results be published?

The Selection Committee, consisting of three members who are experts in the field, will **select three applicants from Wales** to participate in the residency programme during 2020.

The results will be announced on the project's and partners' websites and social media at the **beginning of December 2019**. The selected applicants will also receive a direct email.

More on partners and their work:

- The **Slovene Writers' Association** (SWA) manages a range of international projects, including literary residencies and the Vilenica International Literary Festival and Award (<http://drustvo-dsp.si/en/home/>)

- The Belgrade-based cultural association **Krokodil** is dedicated to production of literary, cultural and socio-political projects with the aim of developing literary audiences, promoting the culture of dialogue, reconstructing of the broken links in the Balkans, but also in deepening of the mutual understanding and the acceptance of differences in Europe. (<http://www.krokodil.rs/eng/krokodils-writer-in-residence/>)

- **Sandorf** is an award-winning independent publisher and first professional literary agency in the region for representing authors abroad, and manager of international projects (Ulysses' Shelter, LitLink Festival) (<http://tovar.hr/>)

- **Thraka** is a literary and cultural NGO run by young authors dedicated to publishing emerging writers and organising cultural and social inclusion activities in Larissa, Thessaly.

¹ Each applicant should indicate the order of preferred residencies on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being the top choice. If chosen for the residency, the committee will try to comply with the applicants' wishes and dates when they are available to travel

GDPR

By submitting the Application to this Open Call, you give your consent for the information provided in the Application to be held on computer or other relevant filing systems and to be shared with other accredited organisations or persons in accordance with the GDPR 2018.

Privacy Notice

We will at all times process and store personal data in line with relevant legislation. The information provided will be used exclusively for the selection process. The names, photos and short bios of the selected candidates will be made public.