

## FEP Spring Meeting (General Assembly)

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### ACTION POINTS

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Opening words and welcome by FEP Vice-President Sonia Draga, following an online intervention by FEP President Ricardo Franco Levi

- FEP to convene an extraordinary online meeting to inform and consult the members, should any matter arise liable of having a significant institutional impact on the organisation.
- FEP to invite publisher Viktor Kruglov to represent the Ukrainian PA at the FEP GA in November.

#### Recommendations from the Board

- FEP to work in cooperation with communication experts working for the members to improve its communications – and not to recur to external agencies.
- FEP and its members to devise a strategy to approach the EP elections and the new MEPs.
- FEP to continue organising the YPPiB; members are invited to suggest ideas for its funding, should EU projects not be available.
- The Board of FEP to keep meeting the Boards of the members; suggestions are welcome for the upcoming meetings.

#### Adoption of the 2022 FEP accounts

- FEP to assess the opportunity to participate in EU-funded projects on a case-by-case basis.
- FEP Treasurer to monitor the investment portfolio and assess possible options.
- The accounts are adopted unanimously and the Board is discharged.

#### Artificial Intelligence

- FEP to keep trying to improve the text during the trilogue.
- The FEP position paper is unanimously adopted.

- FEP to focus on the TDM opt-out protocol while AI legislation is in the making; members are invited to ask for information about the protocol and to promote it with publishers.
- FEP to look into the possibility to support the development of industry standards while legislation is under development.

#### Statistics

- FEP to make the Frankfurt Book Fair statistics presentation a regular appointment; the spot for 2023 is secured and members are invited to attend.
- FEP members are invited to contribute to the data collection to the best of their capacity (namely, the detailed 2022 statistics and the 2023 brief survey for the first semester, ideally before the summer break) and to ask FEP for help if needed.
- FEP members are invited to give visibility in their respective countries to the FEP statistics.

#### Report on the Future of the Book Sector in Europe

- FEP members are invited to support the report through direct contact with their MEPs; FEP is available to point out the most relevant ones.
- FEP to communicate about the report, especially in occasion of its vote in plenary; FEP members are invited to offer the help of their respective comms experts.
- FEP to consider dedicating part of its Frankfurt Book Fair RDV to publicise the report.

#### Digital education

- FEP members are invited to join the FEP educational publishing group if interested.
- FEP members are invited to lobby their Ministries of Education with regard to the draft Council Recommendation on the enablers of digital education, in particular to obtain the mention of publishers as key partners and stakeholders.

#### Copyright

- FEP to report on its contacts with the [Spawning](#) initiative.

- FEP to keep raising the issue of the undue burden that can arise from a certain combination of the European Accessibility Act and the Marrakesh Treaty; FEP members are invited to support the exercise.
- FEP and its members to get ready for the upcoming discussions on e-lending.
- FEP and its members to reflect on how researchers could obtain access to digitised content available in libraries without this undermining the publishers' business models.

#### Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act

- FEP members are invited to inform the FEP team of the implementation of the DSA and DMA in their respective countries. The FEP team will advise the members about the implementation plans.
- FEP members are invited to watch out for and inform the FEP team about any issues with the implementation and/or enforcement of the DSA and DMA in their respective countries (including attempts to undermine the DSM Copyright Directive via the DSA).
- FEP members are invited to uphold the interpretation of the DMA that is most favourable to publishers.

#### Accessibility

- FEP to continue work on accessibility; members are invited to join the FEP working group on the topic if interested.
- FEP members are invited to maintain pressure on their respective governments on the main outstanding issues, such as retailer liability.
- FEP to look into implications for cross-border sales (which law is applicable) and for Open Access publications.

#### Deforestation Regulation

- FEP members are invited to read the FEP briefing and inform publishers about their obligations.
- FEP members are invited to start talking to their surveillance authorities to understand what to expect in terms of controls and specific obligations.
- FEP to circulate possible dates for a new meeting with the representatives of printers.

#### Geo-blocking

- FEP to keep following the file and to propose amendments.

Presentation of the French report on second-hand sales of books

- FEP members to provide data on the market for second-hand books in their countries.
- FEP to look at possible options to address the issue, beginning by taking stock of the situation at the November GA.

Commission's High-Level Roundtable on Creative and Cultural Sectors and Industries

- FEP to look at the opportunities and challenges of an involvement with the EIT Cultural and Creative Sectors Knowledge and Innovation Community (CCS KIC).
- FEP to provide general information on funding programmes on its website; any deeper involvement would require a significant rethinking of the role and activities of the office.

EP elections and FEP Manifesto

- FEP to circulate a draft by the end of June; FEP members are invited to contribute.
- The UK PA will help with editing the text.
- The document will be called European Publishers Manifesto and shall be ready for the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- FEP to organise a new edition of the Get Caught Reading campaign with the next EP.
- FEP to organise a new edition of the Author-Publisher Dialogues with Spanish author Javier Cercas and his publisher at Tusquets, Juan Cerezo, on 22/11 in Strasbourg; FEP members are invited to participate and encourage the participation of their MEPs.

Updates from members

- The Norwegian PA to circulate a translation of its country's new book law. The text is in copy.
- The French PA will welcome information on any special bureaucratic burdens encountered by publishers when trying to benefit from agreements to avoid double taxation of royalty payments.

## EU-funded projects

- EUPL: FEP to apply with EIBF for the organisation of a new cycle.
- EUPL: FEP members are invited to keep helping FEP find nominating organisations for award candidates.
- FEP to advocate for a bigger budget for translation grants.
- Möbius: FEP members are invited to help FEP ensure the project brings value to publishers by facilitating gaining publishers' insights, finding volunteers for testing the data visualisation tool, and generally informing publishers (piloting of tools developed by the project will be organised at several book fairs).
- Aldus Up: FEP members are invited to encourage the adoption of the common methodology for carrying out reading habit surveys developed by the project.
- Aldus Up: FEP members are invited to contact the Italian PA if interested in participating in the upcoming new survey on translation right exchanges.
- Tales of EUkraine: FEP members are invited to encourage publishers to participate in the project.

## Information form IPA

- FEP members are invited to share IPA's critique of the WIPO toolkits with their respective governments.
- FEP members are invited to attend the upcoming IPA GA (21/11/2023, online) and Congress (4-6/12/2024, Guadalajara).

## AOB

- FEP to resume its database of national book policies (including information on industry awards); FEP members are invited to contribute regularly.
- FEP to invite a representative of TikTok to an FEP meeting as well as booktokers, possibly for an online session.
- FEP members are invited to inform FEP of any plans by their governments to modify VAT rates on books and to push for a zero rate, should the occasion arise.
- FEP members are invited to reply to the survey for PAs by the FEP Sustainability Working Group and to encourage publishers to reply to the survey for publishers.

## Next meetings

- Accessibility Working Group –23 June 2023, online
- FEP Technical Meeting – 5 September, Brussels
- Presentation of FEP Statistics –18 October 2023, 10:30-11:00, Frankfurt Book Fair (Frankfurt Studio)
- FEP Rendezvous –19 October 2023, 12:30-14:30, Frankfurt Book Fair (Conference room Illusion 1)
- FEP General Assembly –16-17 November 2023, Brussels
- Authors-Publishers Dialogues – 22 November 2023, Strasbourg
- FEP General Assembly –13-14 June 2024, location TBD