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Statement on the funding of the book sector in Slovenia

The Federation of European Publishers has been informed by its Slovenian member, the Chamber of Book Publishers and Booksellers at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, after their meeting on 23.4.2024 that despite the important investments in promoting Slovenian books as Guests of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair and at the Bologna Book Fair, the funding for the book sector has decreased by 20% (compared to 2021). They are equally concerned by the envisaged distribution of the funding that should be encouraging cultural diversity.

The Federation of European Publishers, while reminding that publishers invest private equity to disseminate works of the mind, wishes also to insist that for some missions, public funding is indispensable. It calls on the Slovenian authorities to ensure that the selection of beneficiaries of these aids is based on fair criteria aimed at supporting diverse authors, genres of books and cultural events. This is a key element of a democratic society which is supported by books and reading.

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