

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA AND
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

IN THE SPIRIT OF
mutual understanding and good long-term Baltic cooperation in the field of culture,

RECOGNISING
the importance of better knowledge of each other’s literature and promoting the translation, publication and dissemination of literary works awarded with the Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature,

have reached the following understanding:

1. The Participants will develop a coordinated and agreed upon approach on preparing a funding scheme unique in each country for the translation and publication of literary works awarded with the Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature (hereinafter – “the Initiative”).

2. Each Participant will proceed nominating an implementation partner of the Initiative to:

– ensure translation and publication of the literary works awarded with the Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature;

– develop a common marketing and design concept to make the published literary works visible as well as visually associable to one another as part of the Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature series.

3. The principles of publishing shall be specified in a shared statute established by the implementation partners of the Initiative nominated in each respective country.

4. The Participants agree that the Writers’ Unions of all three countries are well positioned to become implementation partners of the Initiative.

5. Each Participant will aim to launch the Initiative during 2021.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented only by the mutual written consent of all the Participants. Amendments or supplements will enter into force in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

7. Any divergence of interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved by negotiations between the Participants to this Memorandum of Understanding.

8. The Memorandum of Understanding becomes valid on the date of its signature and will remain valid for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for five (5) years periods, unless, within at least six months prior to its expiration, either Participant provides to the other Participants a written notification of its decision to terminate the Memorandum.

Signed in Vilnius, on 24th July 2020, in three (3) original copies in English.

On behalf of the Ministry
of Culture of the Republic
of Lithuania

On behalf of the Ministry
of Culture of the Republic
of Estonia

On behalf of the Ministry
of Culture of the Republic
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