

Open Call for a Literary Curator

European Night of Literature 2026 – Tel Aviv

Czech Centre Tel Aviv in partnership with the EUNIC Cluster Israel, is looking for an experienced and creative **Literary Curator** for the upcoming edition of the **European Night of Literature (ENL)**—one of the flagship cultural events promoting European literature in Israel.

About the European Night of Literature

The ENL is a unique cultural evening celebrating contemporary European writing. In one night, translated excerpts from selected European authors are presented to Israeli audiences by prominent actors in Tel Aviv. The event aims to foster cultural exchange, showcase literary diversity, and deepen the dialogue between Europe and Israel.

Each year, we choose a theme that reflects not only diverse narratives but also contemporary trends in literature. In recent years, themes have included Science Fiction, European Childhood, Female Heroes, and European Love. Our goal is to present meaningful and relevant motifs and voices, showcasing a broad spectrum of perspectives. This careful curation ensures that the works we promote resonate with current cultural and social dialogues in Israel.

Role & Responsibilities

The curator will be responsible for shaping the literary concept and content of the 2026 edition, including:

1. Curatorial Concept

- Develop the main theme for the event, reflecting contemporary literary trends and relevant cultural discussions.
- Ensure the theme allows for a rich, diverse selection of European voices.

2. Selection of Texts

- Work closely with EUNIC member institutes and project producers to identify and propose excerpts from contemporary European authors, ensuring:
 - Literary quality
 - Diversity in style and representation
 - Relevance to the theme and Israeli audience

- Provide context and curatorial notes

4. Artistic Guidance

- Assist in pairing selected texts with appropriate Israeli actors.
- Provide insights to ensure that the presentation of excerpts aligns with the curatorial vision.

Required Qualifications

- Proven experience in literary curation, programming, or editorial work
- Strong knowledge of contemporary European literature
- Understanding of the Israeli cultural and literary landscape
- Ability to conceptualize and communicate a strong artistic vision

What We Offer

- A collaborative role in one of the European cultural events in Israel
- The opportunity to shape a high-profile program that reaches a wide Israeli audience
- Professional fee (details to be discussed with shortlisted candidates)
- Visibility across all promotional materials and media channels

Work Timeline

The collaboration with the curator will take place throughout 2026 (February to October) and will follow a clear workflow. The European Night of Literature will take place in October 2026 in Tel Aviv.

How to Apply

Please send the following materials in English to Mrs. Dana Keren at keren@czechcentres.cz by **2 February 2026**

- CV / Portfolio of previous curatorial, editorial, or literary work
- A short statement (max. 1 page) describing:

- Your approach to curating a multi-country literary event
- Initial ideas for a potential theme for ENL 2026

About EUNIC Cluster Israel

EUNIC (European Union National Institutes for Culture) brings together European cultural organizations working collaboratively to promote European culture, creativity, and dialogue worldwide. The European Night of Literature is one of the cluster's main cultural projects in Israel.