

## Winners of the 2011 European Union Prize for Literature

Brussels, 11 October 2011 – The winners of the 2011 European Union Prize for Literature, which recognises the best new or emerging authors in the EU, were announced today at the Frankfurt Book Fair. The winners are: Kalin Terziyski (Bulgaria), Tomáš Zmeškal (Czech Republic), Kostas Hatziantoniou (Greece), Ófeigur Sigurðsson (Iceland), Inga Zolude (Latvia) Iren Nigg (Liechtenstein), Immanuel Mifsud (Malta), Andrej Nikolaidis (Montenegro), Rodaan Al Galidi (Netherlands), Jelena Lengold (Serbia), Ciler İlhan (Turkey), and Adam Foulds (United Kingdom). See below for details of the winning works. Each winner gets € 5 000 and the opportunity to have their book translated into other languages to boost its cross-border appeal.

*"I congratulate the exceptional winners of this year's prize and I hope that that they will make use our support for 'literary translation' so that that as many readers as possible can enjoy their books, in as many languages as possible. I would also like to pay tribute to Europe's resilient book publishing industry which is the world leader in its field, employing 135 000 people and contributing € 23 billion a year to EU GDP,"* said Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth.

The European Union Prize for Literature is organised by the European Commission, the European Booksellers' Federation, European Writers' Council and the Federation of European Publishers. The competition is open to the 36 countries involved in the EU Culture Programme (27 Member States, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey). Each year, national juries in 12 of the participating countries nominate the winner authors, so that all countries in the programme are represented over a three-year period.

This year's winners will be presented with their awards at a ceremony in Brussels on 28 November, in the presence of Commissioner Vassiliou and leading public figures from the worlds of literature, culture and politics. They will include Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, chair of the EU High-Level Group on Literacy, Bogdan Zdrojewski, Polish Minister for Culture and Heritage, and Doris Pack, chair of the European Parliament's Culture and Education Committee.

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Culture portal of the European Union: <http://ec.europa.eu/culture>



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## Background

The winners of the 2011 European Union Prize for Literature are:

### BULGARIA

Author: Kalin Terziyski

Title: *Има ли кой да ви обича, Издателство/ Is there anybody to love you (short stories)*

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Author: Tomáš Zmeškal

Title: *Milostný dopis klínovým písmem/ A Love Letter in Cuneiform Script*

### GREECE

Author: Kostas Hatziantoniou

Title: *Agrigento*

### ICELAND

Author: Ófeigur Sigurðsson

Title: *Jon*

### LATVIA

Author: Inga Zolude

Title: *Mierinājums Ādama kokam/ A Solace for Adam's Tree (a collection of stories)*

### LIECHTENSTEIN

Author: Iren Nigg

Title: *Man wortet sich die Orte selbst/ Wording the Places Oneself*

### MALTA

Author: Immanuel Mifsud

Title: *Fl-Isem tal-Missier (tal-iben)/ In the Name of the Father (and of the Son)*

### MONTENEGRO

Author: Andrej Nikolaidis

Title: *Sin/ The Son*

### THE NETHERLANDS

Author: Rodaan Al Galidi

Title: *De autist en de postduif/ The Autist and the Carrier-Pigeon*

### SERBIA

Author: Jelena Lengold

Title: *Vašarski Mađioničar/ Fairground Magician*

### TURKEY

Author: Ciler İlhan

Title: *Sürgün/ Exile*

### UNITED KINGDOM

Author: Adam Foulds

Title: *The Quickening Maze*

