**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS APPLICATION FORM**

**Please send a filled-in application form to** [**info@risebookselling.eu**](mailto:info@risebookselling.eu)**.**

**Before applying, we recommend you read the below information carefully**

**About RISE Bookselling:** Resilience, Innovation and Sustainability for the Enhancement of Bookselling’ (RISE Bookselling), is a network programme organized by the European and International Booksellers Federation (EIBF) and co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union. This three-year programme aims to upscale, reinforce and maximise the capacity and resilience of the European bookselling sector. [Discover the overview of all RISE activities](https://risebookselling.eu/).

**About international events participation:** Years of experience and work in the field have shown that exchanging knowledge, feedback and best practices across national, cultural and linguistic borders is the most efficient way in which European bookshops can learn from one another, innovate and grow.

The RISE support programme to attend international sectorial events offers booksellers of all kinds to participate in international training and networking opportunities.We enable booksellers, who are members of one of the network organisations, to join their colleagues and engage with other professionals and experts from the industry on various important topics within the trade and thus raise visibility of a wider book chain.

Successful applicants will participate in a dedicated programme, developed in partnership with the event organisers. Duration of the stay will depend on the event programme.

**List of network countries**: Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Faeroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. More countries might be added at a later stage.

**How does it work?:** Applications to RISE activities are reviewed and assessed by the RISE Bookselling Networking Committee, composed of booksellers and representatives of booksellers associations based on the following criteria: overall motivation, relevance to current experience, and benefit for applicant and their bookshop. Following a successful application, applicants will be offered a place to participate in selected international sector event. Following the event, participants will have to provide a feedback report to the RISE Bookselling coordinator. They will also be expected to participate in RISE promotional opportunities following the event, which can include, among others, sharing quotes, blog posts and multimedia from the event on RISE website and social media channels, as well as providing feedback on the event.

Through this agreement, the coordinator will cover travel costs for the participants between their town and event location, and accommodation costs for the duration of the programme. RISE Bookselling will not cover costs of meals that are not included in the scheduled itinerary of the event, costs of additional lodging beyond the duration of the programme, costs of travel insurance or administrative costs associated with visa application.

The travel and accommodation costs, where applicable, will be reimbursed to the participant after the event takes place. The payment will be made within 30 days after the coordinator receives a filled-out expense refund form with relevant receipts attached and a filled-out feedback form from the participant. Without relevant receipts attached, we will not be able to reimburse the costs.

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| **Applicant’s information** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Pronouns:** **Examples: she/her; they/them; he/him** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Phone number:** |  |
| **Country of residence:** |  |
| **Languages spoken:** |  |
| **Bookshop information** | |
| **Bookshop name:** |  |
| **Bookshop address:** |  |
| **What is your position in the bookshop?** |  |
| **Please specify the name of the national booksellers’ association you are member of:** | *Please note that applicants must be a member of the national booksellers’ associations, part of the RISE network, or EIBF member. The list of these associations can be found on the* [*RISE website*](https://risebookselling.eu/about#RISEBooksellingNetwork)*.* |
| **Are you an EIBF associate member?** | * Yes * No |
| **International event information** | |
| **For which international event, listed on RISE website, are you applying to?** |  |
| **Do you require a visa to enter the country, where the event will take place?** | * Yes * No |
| **Please confirm if you hold an insurance policy (personal, work or travel), covering the location and duration of the proposed exchange?** | * Yes * No |
| **Do you speak a language of the country where the event will take place?** | * Yes * No |
| **If you do not speak a language of the country where the event will take place, please confirm you agree with English being the working language used during the programme.** | * I agree * I don’t agree |
| **Motivation letter** | |
| *Based on the goals and objectives of this programme as outlined on the RISE website, please explain why you wish to participate in the RISE booksellers exchange and what you hope to gain from this experience if you are successful.* | |

*I, the undersigned, confirm the information filled-in above is correct to the best of my knowledge.*

*I also agree to provide an overview of activities report to the coordinator following the exchange if my application is successful. I understand I will be asked to participate in RISE promotional opportunities following the exchange, which can include, among others, providing quotes, written pieces and multimedia material from the exchange, to be shared on RISE website and social media channels. I also agree to provide feedback on the exchange to the coordinator.*

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