

**COMPETITION FOR THE BEST STUDENT TRANSLATION AWARD  
AND STUDENT RESIDENCY FOR LITERARY TRANSLATION  
"BABYLON – New Generation" 2026**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 01 APRIL 2026**

The Delegation of the European Union, Europe House and the Faculty of Philology "Blaže Koneski" – Skopje are pleased to announce the **Competition for the best student translation award and student residency for literary translation "Babylon – New Generation" 2026**.

The call is open to all university students (not older than 27 years of age) who, at the time of application, are enrolled in at least the third year of studies at any of the faculties in the country. **Candidates should apply for the competition with a translation from one of the 24 official languages of the European Union, into any of the languages spoken in the country.**

The competition consists of two phases:

✓ **Student residency for literary translation that will take place from 23 to 25 April 2026 in Europe House Struga.** Through a carefully thought-out program, the residency will offer a series of sessions on building translation skills in various aspects, guided by mentors, aiming to offer students extracurricular professional development, as well as to encourage quality in the translation of literary works from European languages into the languages spoken in the country. **The residency costs, including transportation and full-board accommodation, will be fully covered.** Accommodation will be arranged in Struga (1/2 and 1/3 facilities). The detailed residency program and all logistical information will be provided to participants after the call for applications closes.

✓ **After completing the residency, candidates will work on a translation within their language combination, with which they will anonymously compete for the best student translation award.** The translation is expected to be based on a short story in one of the relevant official EU languages, which the candidate will translate into the chosen target language spoken in the country. At the end of the residency, candidates will receive the original of the short story for translation that has not yet been translated into the local languages. The length of the short story offered for translation will range from 3,000 to 5,000 words. Submitted translations must be the individual work of each candidate; joint translations will not be accepted.

The jury that will evaluate the translations will consist of established translators, university professors, writers, etc. – with the exception of the residency mentors, to guarantee the transparency of the award.

Detailed instructions on the format and method of submission of the translations will be provided to the students at the end of the residency.

**Participation in the residency automatically implies an obligation for the students to submit a translation, with which they apply for the award.**

**The working language of the residency for literary translation will be Macedonian.**

The number of participants in the residency is limited to 15 students. The applicants will be notified of the results of their application by 07 April.

**Time frame**

Application deadline: **01 April 2026**

Residency dates: **23 – 25 April 2026**

Deadline for submitting translations: **15 July 2026**

The award ceremony is planned for the European Day of Languages, 26 September 2026.

#### **APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:**

– **Completed application form**

– **Short biography**

– **Short entry translation** of an excerpt from a prose work, 500 to 1,000 words long, in the language combination the candidate applies with (for example, Italian into Macedonian). The translation should be made directly from the prose text in the source language, and submitted only in the target language. The entry translation should also contain information about the source publication and the language from which it was translated (for example, a translation from the original in English language, Banville, John. *The Sea*. [2. Ed.], Alfred A. Knopf, 2007, p. 190-195).

– **Handwritten signed statement (digital copy)** by the candidate that, by applying for and participating in the residency, he/she undertakes to participate in the "BABYLON – New Generation 2026" award, by submitting his/her individual translation, as well as that he/she agrees to all the conditions of the competition and the residency.

– **Scanned ID copy**

**The documents should be submitted via the following Google form, no later than 01 April 2026:**

<https://forms.gle/eMavnn5b1zRF8KcT9>

**Questions regarding the competition can be sent to the following address:**

[babylonnewgeneration@euhouse.mk](mailto:babylonnewgeneration@euhouse.mk) .

- Applicants must be citizens of North Macedonia.
- Relatives and/or close friends of the organizers or jury members are not eligible to participate.
- The jury's decision is final. Candidates can receive feedback and the jury's comments on the submitted translations after the awards ceremony.
- The jury will be formed according to the language combinations submitted.
- The jury reserves the right not to award a prize.
- Applying for the competition means accepting all the conditions under which the residency and the subsequent selection of the best translation will take place.

**The award will consist of a study stay related to translation (in the value of 1,000 EUR) and publication of the first prize-winning translation in the *Annual collected works* of the Faculty of Philology "Blaže Koneski" – Skopje.**

Please find additional information on the following websites:

[https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/republic-north-macedonia\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/republic-north-macedonia_en)

<https://flf.ukim.mk/>

<https://www.europehouse.mk/>