

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



Društvo slovenskih pisateljev
Slovene Writers' Association



DSP Residency Programme for Foreign Literary Intermediaries 2026

The DSP Residency Programme in 2026 is primarily intended for foreign literary intermediaries, namely translators, publishers, and literary agents who actively contribute to the international reception of Slovenian literature and the humanities.

In this call, the masculine grammatical form is used as gender-neutral. All provisions apply equally to all genders, regardless of the grammatical form used.

With the aim of ensuring continuity, professional diversity, and the long-term development of international mediation of Slovenian literature, the 2026 call envisages inviting a total of six participants, as follows:

- **four (4) candidates – SECTION A** – who meet the programme requirements, meaning that they are either
 - o translators who have translated and published at least two works of Slovenian literature or humanities into a foreign language;
 - o publishers who have published and actively promoted at least one translated work of Slovenian literature or humanities; or
 - o literary agents who have concluded at least one contract with a publisher for the translation of Slovenian fiction or humanities into a foreign language;
 - o candidates must also submit a clearly defined, professionally substantiated, and feasible work plan, supported by a concrete project proposal for the period of the residency and after it (maximum 2,500 characters including spaces);

- **one (1) candidate – SECTION B** – who has the status of an experienced translator, publisher, or literary agent but has not yet completed a translation or comparable mediation in the field of Slovenian literature, and demonstrates their commitment through a clearly defined, professionally substantiated, and feasible work plan supported by a concrete project proposal for the residency period and afterwards (maximum 2,500 characters including spaces);

- **one (1) younger candidate – SECTION C** – up to 35 years of age, who demonstrates, through appropriate references, a strong professional interest in translation and the international mediation of Slovenian literature, as well as potential for further development in this field, and substantiates this with a clearly defined, professionally substantiated, and feasible work plan supported by a concrete project proposal for the residency period and afterwards (maximum 2,500 characters including spaces).

Programme Provider

Slovenian Writers' Association (organiser)

Fields of Activity

Literary translation, publishing, and literary promotion

Location

Praprotnikova St. 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia

Duration of Individual Residency

From 2 to 3 weeks

Costs Covered by the Organiser

Accommodation for the duration of the residency

Costs Covered by the Resident

Travel expenses, food costs, accident and health insurance, and all other expenses incurred during the residency

Obligations of the Organiser

Facilitating professional and creative contacts with local authors and the wider literary public; organisation of a public presentation by the visiting resident

Obligations of the Resident

Active participation in one literary event during the residency; preparation, submission, and publication of a short original text about the residency stay in Slovenia

Application Deadline

March 12, 2026

Residency Programme Period

From 20 March to 30 November 2026

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www.ljubljana.si/sl/

www.visitljubljana.com/sl/obiskovalci/

Accommodation

The Dane Zajc Writers' Studio is located at Praprotnikova Street 5 in Ljubljana, approximately a ten-minute walk from the city centre. The apartment was once the home of Dane Zajc, one of Slovenia's most prominent poets, and therefore retains a strong authorial and historical character. The studio features numerous testimonies to his life and work, including artworks he received as gifts and original furniture that he used.

The residency space measures 48.70 m² and includes two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a glass-enclosed balcony. The resident is provided with a smaller bedroom without a balcony, furnished with a bed, desk, and wardrobe, offering suitable conditions for living and creative work.

The apartment is equipped with wireless internet access, a kitchen with basic cooking utensils, a washing machine, and an iron. The organiser provides cleaning between residents as well as the replacement of bed linen and towels, while the resident is responsible for all other personal necessities.



Detailed Programme Description

The Slovenian Writers' Association (DSP) Residency Programme in 2026 is primarily intended for foreign literary intermediaries who have not previously been selected through the DSP Residency Programme call. The programme is designed to encourage new international connections and to expand the circle of professionals who actively contribute to the translation and international reception of Slovenian literature.

In 2026, DSP will enable residency stays for up to six participants, who will actively engage in DSP activities during their stay. This includes at least one public appearance or professional presentation at the DSP headquarters (Tomšičeva Street 12, 1000 Ljubljana). During the residency, each resident is also required to prepare an original text (minimum 3,000 characters including spaces) relating to the Slovenian literary scene, personal experiences, and the professional impact of the residency, and including a comparative perspective on the literary and cultural context of the resident's home environment. Contributions will be published on the DSP online portal: vrabecanarhist.eu/

Application Instructions

Applications, submitted in Slovenian or English, must include the following attachments:

- an application containing the applicant's relevant contact and birth details and indicating the section (A, B, or C) for which the candidate is applying; the application must include a short biography (CV) clearly outlining references consistent with the requirements of the selected section;
- a clearly structured, professionally substantiated, and feasible work plan supported by a concrete project proposal for the residency period and the period following its conclusion (maximum 2,500 characters including spaces);
- a proposed residency period and two additional alternative periods, expressed in weeks.

Applications must be submitted by email no later than **March 12, 2026 at 23:59** to the following address matej@drustvo-dsp.si.

The subject line of the email must read: **INVITATION – DSP RESIDENCY PROGRAMME 2026**

Only complete and timely applications will be considered. Applications will be evaluated by the DSP Inter-national Cooperation Committee. **Applicants will be informed of the results at the end of March 2026.**

