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## **Presentation of the Prix Laurence 2022 anthology and launch of the 2023 edition of the literary competition for young authors**

As part of its participation in “Esch2022 - European Capital of Culture” and the tenth edition of its literary festival “LiteraTour”, the municipality of Bettembourg organised this year the seventh edition of its literary competition Prix Laurence, aimed at young authors aged 12 to 26.

In this European edition, 168 authors from Luxembourg and the Greater Region, from Kaunas (Lithuania), partner city of “Esch2022”, as well as from Valpaços (Portugal) and Flaibano (Italy), twin cities with the municipality of Bettembourg, participated with 239 texts.

### **Prix Laurence 2022 anthology**

On 8 December 2022, during an evening at the cultural centre in Huncherange (municipality of Bettembourg), the new the anthology compiling the contributions of the finalists and laureates of the 2022 edition of the Prix Laurence was officially presented in the presence of Ms Josée Lorsché, first alderwoman of the municipality of Bettembourg, Ms Nancy Braun, director general of Esch2022, Mr. Pit Hoerold, president of the Prix Laurence jury, Mr. Marc Binsfeld, director éditions guy binsfeld and numerous guests.

The Prix Laurence 2022 anthology – ideal reading for literature lovers who want to discover young European talents - contains the thirty texts of the finalists and laureates of the 2022 edition of the literary competition for young authors on 240 pages.

### **Launch of the edition 2023 of the Prix Laurence**

The 2023 edition of the Prix Laurence was officially launched on the same evening.

This is already the eighth edition of the literary competition for young authors and it will again have a European dimension with the participation of the partner cities of Bettembourg, Valpaços (Portugal) and Flaibano (Italy), as well as the Vytautas Magnus University and the Kaunas Literary Festival (Lithuania).

Participants can submit their original contributions in two age categories, 12-17 and 18-26 years, until 15 March 2023 exclusively via the website [www.prixlaurence.lu](http://www.prixlaurence.lu).

As in previous editions, the organisers do not wish to limit young people in terms of the subjects addressed in their creations, nor in the genre of literature. Seven languages are accepted in this competition: Luxembourgish, German, French, English, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Italian. Works in Lithuanian, Italian and Portuguese will be pre-selected by a jury located in Lithuania, Italy and Portugal.

The finalists will be invited to read their works in front of the jury and the public at the grand finales taking place on Saturday, 22 April and Sunday, 23 April 2023 in Bettembourg (L).

### **The Prix Laurence 2023 jury**

The Luxembourg jury is composed of the following members:

- Mr. Pit Hoerold, President
- Ms Vesna Andonovic
- Mr. Jérôme Jaminet
- Ms Christiane Kremer
- Ms Christine Mandy
- Mr. Antoine Pohu
- Mr. Thomas Schoos

A biography of the members of all the juries is available at [www.prixlaurence.lu](http://www.prixlaurence.lu).

### **A success story**

The Prix Laurence is a central element of the LiteraTour, Bettembourg's literary festival. Since its start in 2015, 614 authors have participated in the literary competition with 1040 texts.

The texts of the laureates and participants of all editions of the Prix Laurence are available at [www.prixlaurence.lu](http://www.prixlaurence.lu).

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[www.prixlaurence.lu](http://www.prixlaurence.lu)

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