



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REF. 25/205-02)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN EVALUATION BOARD OF ALREADY PUBLISHED READING BOOKS IN MALTESE

Date: 09/10/2026

Introduction

The National Literacy Agency invites qualified individuals who wish to offer their services as part of an Evaluation Board to evaluate already published reading books in Maltese to express their interest in providing this service.

Objectives

Interested individuals are required to submit their proposed rates (excluding VAT) per book evaluated, according to the checklist available at <https://nla.gov.mt/mt/avvizi/>, for each of the following categories mentioned below. The rates provided below should be considered as the maximum allowable rates.

1. Books for children (ages up to 7 years)
 - i. From 16 to 20 pages - €5
 - ii. Up to 30 pages - €10
2. Books for children (ages 8 to 12 years)
 - i. Up to 50 pages - €20
 - ii. Up to 100 pages - €30
3. Books for adolescents (ages 13 to 16 years)
 - i. Up to 500 pages - €50

Costs

All costs incurred by participants in relation to this Expression of Interest (Ref. 25/205-02) must be covered exclusively by the participants themselves. The National Literacy Agency shall not be responsible for or cover any expenses or losses incurred by participants in connection with any aspect of this Expression of Interest.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Members of the Evaluation Board:

Tasks to be carried out independently:

- Evaluators are required to identify and list spelling and grammatical errors in the books.
- They must classify the books into appropriate categories according to age.

Meetings at the National Literacy Centre:

- The Evaluation Board is expected to meet not less than three times per year at the National Literacy Centre. This meeting is paid at a fixed rate of €10.58 (excluding VAT) per hour to board members.

Submission Requirements

Candidates must submit their expression of interest along with a portfolio of their qualifications, presented in the Europass Curriculum Vitae format, along with copies of their relevant certificates.



Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must not be authors/illustrators of Maltese books or current employees of local publishing houses.
- Applicants may be educators, librarians (with no professional ties to publishers), or other individuals who are familiar with children's literature.
- Applicants must be in possession of:
 - a qualification in Maltese at MQF Level 6.
- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview. The Agency reserves the right to contact only eligible applicants who offer the most competitive rates.
- Each participant must be an Economic Operator capable of issuing an invoice for their work and providing a fiscal receipt as proof of payment.

Agreement

This Expression of Interest is valid for three (3) years from its issue date and will remain open throughout its validity period for any Economic Operator who meets the selection criteria. New applications will be considered every six months. Each Economic Operator will be offered a one-year contract, which may be renewed annually for up to three years under the same rate quoted in the submission.

Digital submissions must be sent to Ms Nicole Borg nicole.borg.18@ilearn.edu.mt no later than **Friday, 23rd October 2026, at noon.**

For every submission received, the Agency will issue an electronic confirmation letter.

Final decisions are expected to be made within one month of application submission, in accordance with this Expression of Interest (Ref. 25/205-02).

For any further inquiries, please send an email to nicole.borg.18@ilearn.edu.mt or call 25983301.