



Day of European Authors - Reading sessions in schools

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“Reading lifts our minds up! I invite all schools across the EU to join me in celebrating the power of books and the talent of European authors!” Mariya Gabriel, Member of the European Commission



The **Day of European Authors** is an initiative of Commissioner Gabriel, to reconnect younger generations with book reading and to help them discover the diversity of European literature. Secondary schools across the EU are invited to organise reading aloud sessions with European authors.



Are you interested in joining the hundreds of schools already participating in this event? Then follow the 5 steps below. It is as simple as that, so do not miss this opportunity to be part of this initiative.

How to organise a reading session?

- 1. Find the right person for your event:** You may like to invite an author or a popular personality to read aloud. To raise awareness of the diversity around book publishing, you may also like to invite a representative of the sector to present the different professions (author, illustrator, translator, editor, etc.). This is not limited to people working in the book sector. You may like to invite an actor, an athlete, or a role model in your community to read from a book of their choice. It may be easier to find someone in the network of your alumni students. Reach out to them as soon as possible to ensure that they have availability on this day! If none of the above is an option, teachers may like to organise a read aloud session with their students.
- 2. Get organised:** Think about the format and location of the reading session: would you like it to take place in your library, classroom or a different space? Would you like your guest to do the reading for the whole school or in smaller groups? Perhaps your students have a wish list which will give you an idea whom to invite? These are some important things to consider in preparation for your event.
- 3. Inform us:** Let us know your intention to participate in the Day of European Authors by sending us an email with the school name, a contact person and a description of your event. The list of participating schools will be displayed on [our webpage](#). Email: EAC-DAY-OF-THE-EUROPEAN-AUTHORS@ec.europa.eu
- 4. Share your story:** After the reading session, please share your experience by sending us an email with pictures and videos and a short description. You may also wish to share your story on the social media. Please use the hashtag #ReadWithEurope.
- 5. Download the visuals of the event:** you may wish to create a poster for your event or post information about it on the webpage of the school and its social media. You may download the available toolkits for communication.