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The first European declaration in favour of the book will be signed on Thursday October 9

On Thursday 9 October at 11h, at the **Frankfurt Book Fair** (Room Consens Hall 4 EC), and on the initiative of **Vincent Monadé, President of the Centre national du livre**, **several directors of European organizations in the publishing field** (13 have confirmed their presence so far) will sign the first **common declaration in favour of the book**, in the presence of European professional federations and other French partners.

The objective of the declaration is to **guarantee the respect of copyright and preserve the rights of readers**. It aims to encourage the emergence of **common positions** for the **defence of copyright**, a reduced **VAT rate for print and digital books** and **freedom of choice for the reader**, in other words, the **interoperability** which allows readers to access any work on the device of their choice. Henceforth, collective actions could be organized in collaboration with European professional federations.

The first signatory organizations: The Service général des lettres et du livre du Ministère de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (Belgium), the Literature, Publishing and Libraries Department of Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia (Croatia), the Culture Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture (Cyprus), the Centre national du livre (France), the Hellenic Foundation for Culture (Greece), National Centre for Books and Reading (Italy), the Latvian Literature Centre (Latvia), The Polish Book Institute (Poland), the Directorate-General for Books, Archives and Libraries, Secretary of State for Culture (Portugal), National Book Centre (Romania), Slovenian Book Agency (Slovenia), the Centre for Information on Literature (Slovakia), Department of culture of the Government of Catalonia (Spain).

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