

“JEAN MONNET” WRITING RESIDENCY

Dedicated to European Writers
2025 Residency: October – November

LEC Festival | 38th edition | Switzerland | 12 > 16 Nov.
Submission deadline: **Friday 28th February 2025**

Created in 2016 by Littératures Européennes Cognac, this residency is sponsored by Cognac City Council, who offers accommodation in the city centre to the writer.

The residency takes place in the autumn and lasts **4 to 6 weeks**. It is endowed with a **2 000 € grant** attributed by Cognac City Council. **It lasts until the LEC Festival, which will take place from 12th to 16th November 2025**, during which talks and events will be organised.

Eligibility

Open to all literary genres and mainly to literature, comics and youth literature, the Jean-Monnet Residency is accessible to European writers who already have **at least one book written or translated in French and published by a professional publishing house**.

In 2025, **candidates coming from Switzerland will have precedence**, to echo the programming of the Festival. The writer-in-residence is French-speaking whenever possible, but if not, English-speaking, to make contacts easier on site.

Conditions

Cognac City Council lends a flat in a pedestrian street of the city centre for a maximum of six weeks. Besides a bathroom, a kitchen and a lounge, the flat possesses two bedrooms (one with double bed – one with two single beds) and Wi-Fi connexion.

The trip to Cognac and the travelling expenses on site are paid by Littératures Européennes Cognac. Restauration is at the writer's expense.

A program of school and public talks will be proposed to the writer (maximum of 6) during their stay. Moreover, they will be invited to join in the festival in November. At the end of their stay, they will also write a letter on their impressions of Cognac.

Application for the residency to be sent before Friday 28th November 2025

To present a complete application, the following documents must be provided:

- **The application form** (pages 3 and 4 of this document), completed and signed;
- **A cover letter** for the Jean-Monnet Residency in Cognac, explaining your interest in the residency;
- **A presentation of the writing project:** one-page intention note, eventually with an extract of a maximum of 10 pages;
- **A Curriculum Vitae** (including the list of grants already obtained);
- **A bibliography** (classified by literary genre with the year of publication, the title of the book and the editor's name)
- **A copy of the last book published in French translation**, in two formats: paper and digital.

Application to be sent by email to: programmation@litteratures-europeennes.com, with the subject: "Application – Jean Monnet writing residency 2025"

The book(s) are to be sent at:

Littératures Européennes Cognac
15 rue Grande
16100 Cognac

Information on the residency:

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For more information on the festival and Littératures Européennes Cognac:

www.litteratures-europeennes.com

APPLICATION FORM 2025

Surname:

First name:

Date and Place of birth:

Family situation:

Nationality:

Address:

Tel.:

Email:

Languages spoken:

French English

Other(s):

Name and email address of your French translator:

Short description of the project you plan to work on during the residence:

Are you in contact with an editor for this project?

Is writing your main source of income?

If not, what is your occupation and main source of income?

Have you ever received a grant?

If yes, name(s) of the institution and year(s).

Have you ever been granted a writing residency?

If yes, name(s) of the institution and years(s) of the residency.

How many weeks do you wish to stay in Cognac?

4 weeks (from 20th October to 16th November)

5 weeks (from 13th October to 16th November)

6 weeks (from 6th October to 16th November)

I declare that I have acquainted myself with the information contained in page 5 and I accept the terms.

Date

Signature