

PUBLISHING ROMANIA Guidelines

2026

The **PUBLISHING ROMANIA** financing programme was launched in 2007 to support publishing projects aimed at promoting Romanian culture abroad. The programme has two sections, each having specific project-selection objectives and criteria.

Section 1. Publishing albums and books about Romanian culture and civilization*

The programme offers foreign publishers financial support for publishing albums and books showcasing Romanian culture with a view to stimulating their interest for representative Romanian cultural topics.

I. General eligibility terms

Financial support may be applied for by foreign publishers and cultural institutions intending to publish albums and books on Romanian cultural topics in the following fields: history, philosophy, the history of arts and culture, literary history, cultural heritage, linguistics, monographs on Romanian authors**.

**Romanian culture and civilization include the culture of the national minorities, as well as that of the Romanian communities abroad.*

*** The phrase "Romanian authors" refers to authors who are Romanian citizens, originating from Romania or having Romanian as their mother tongue.*

II. Eligible costs

Financial support may cover up to **75% of the total amount comprising the fees due to copyright owners and translators and the related production costs** (layout, graphic design, cover design, proofreading, paper and printing). However, the total amount granted will not exceed **15,000 EUR/proposal for albums** or **7,500 EUR/proposal for books**.

III. Grant funding

- The projects which will apply for grant funding in the 2026 Publishing Romania call for applications will firstly be evaluated by an internal CENNAC committee, established for this first part of the process.
- Once this part has finalized, the committee will get in contact (via e-mail) with the candidates whose application is incomplete, in order to explain what documents are missing and which is the deadline to send the missing documents towards CENNAC/RCI.
- When the period for receiving applications has officially ended, CENNAC's committee will elaborate a final list with all the eligible applications and will start preparing the next step of the process: the assessment, by a panel of independent experts, of the eligible applications.

- The assessment of the eligible applications will be carried out by a panel of independent experts, selected after an open call for applications and validated by the Board of Directors of the Romanian Cultural Institute.
- When the assessment of the panel of independent experts has come to an end, a ranking will be established. The projects who are applying will receive the grant funding within the limits of the available budget. Any project scoring less than 60 points out of the maximum of 100 won't be taken into consideration for grant funding. The applications will be assessed by the panel of independent experts only if they contain all the required documents. **The decisions of the panel of experts open the financing solely upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Cultural Institute.**

IV. Payment

The amount of the financial support to be granted will be determined in relation to the budget submitted by the applicant providing details for all types of costs; the collaboration between the RCI and the publisher will be established in a grant contract.

Reimbursement by the RCI will be completed, in one single installment, subsequent to the Romanian Cultural Institute receiving from the publisher the following:

- a number of 15 copies of the published work agreed per the grant contract, which must include acknowledgement of the financial support of the Romanian Cultural Institute on the copyright page;
- invoices, banking documents (**statements of account**) documenting the incurred costs and certifying that all payments were made within the validity period of the grant contract.

The Romanian Cultural Institute will not reimburse publishers for any payments made prior to the conclusion of the grant contract with the Romanian Cultural Institute.

The actual amount which shall be granted to the publisher as financial support shall be determined based on the supporting documents which will be submitted to the financier according to the provisions of the financing contract.

V. Ineligible works

PUBLISHING ROMANIA will not be supporting:

- print-runs under 500 copies;
- publishers applying for financial support in order to publish the same book in separate volumes translated into different languages;
- second editions of books previously granted financial support by RCI;
- publishers not complying with the conditions listed under the heading "**General eligibility terms**";

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- institutional costs including administrative costs, payments to the budget deficit account, salaries, current payments of the publisher;
 - promotion and distribution expenses;
 - politically or religiously militant books;
 - books fostering sexual, racial and ideological discrimination liable to infringe on human rights policies.

VI. Evaluation criteria

Financial support will be granted on an evaluation and selection basis and taking into consideration the following criteria:

- the topicality of the theme/subject, the quality of the proposed work - 40 points;
- the prestige and experience of the publishing house - 20 points;
- the distribution plan and the promotion strategy - 20 points;
- the amount requested as financial support in relation to the total budget necessary for publishing the work and to the proposed print-run - 20 points.

IMPORTANT: A publisher cannot submit more than 3 (three) applications within the same call for applications (the 2026 open call for applications for TPS & Publishing Romania).

Application deadlines:

For the 2026 call for applications, the complete application files may be submitted between 30 March – 14 April 2026 (10:00 AM, GMT+2). Documents sent after the 14th of April 2026 (10:00 AM, GMT+2) will not be taken into consideration.

Important notice: The 2026 call for applications strictly concerns titles to be published in 2026.

VII. Documents required for the application

The application file must contain:

- the form requesting financial support available at www.cennac.ro (see Application_Form_Albums), wet-signed by the publisher's legal representative;
- copies of the copyright contracts concluded for the text, images, etc. translated in English or Romanian;

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- certificate for tax-code registration, translated into Romanian or English by a registered translator;
 - presentations of the authors working on the editorial project, in Romanian or English;
 - a copy of a recently published album or book, as well as the publisher's catalogue, both in digital version.

The RCI shall only make use the digital version of the albums/books submitted, during the evaluation process of the 2026 Publishing Romania session. Said albums/books will be stored at CENNAC and will only be made available for the panel of independent experts, during the evaluation process.

Complete applications (max. 3 megabytes/application) shall be submitted, via e-mail, to the Publishingromania@icr.ro e-mail address, with the mention `for the 2026 PUBLISHING ROMANIA PROGRAMME`. For every single application sent, the publisher will receive an e-mail of confirmation. All applications sent via traditional post will be automatically rejected. **The deadline is April 14, 2026 (10:00 AM, GMT+2).**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline prescribed under the current guidelines will not be submitted for evaluation.

VIII. Final terms

The evaluating panel will assess the editorial projects only if the application folder is complete, therefore does not lack any of the required documents mentioned earlier. The decisions of the panel of experts open the financing solely upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Cultural Institute.

All deliberations of the Publishing Romania jury are confidential and not subject to justification.

Subventions will be granted on condition that the applicant accepts the terms of the grant contract, including the acknowledgement of the support granted by the Romanian Cultural Institute on the copyright page of the work. To this end, the publisher shall refer to the Romanian Cultural Institute visual identity manual/logo, available at <http://www.icr.ro/pagini/manual-de-identitate-sigla-icr/>.

Section 2. Publishing supplements, thematic issues or journals of studies on Romanian culture and civilization

A programme granting financial support for the publication of supplements, thematic issues or journals of studies on Romanian culture and civilization aimed at stimulating the interest of foreign publications for Romanian culture.

I. General eligibility terms

Financial support may be applied for by cultural, art and scientific magazines, as well as by Romanian studies journals from abroad appearing in foreign languages.

II. Eligible costs

Financial support may cover up to **75% of the total amount comprising the fees due to copyright owners and translators and the related production costs** (layout, graphic design, cover, proofreading, paper and printing). However, the total amount granted will not exceed **6,000 EUR**.

III. Grant funding

- The projects which will apply for grant funding in the 2026 Publishing Romania call for applications will firstly be evaluated by an internal CENNAC committee, established for this first part of the process.
- Once this part has finalized, the committee will get in contact (via e-mail) with the candidates whose application is incomplete, in order to explain what documents are missing and which is the deadline to send the missing documents towards CENNAC/RCI.
- When the period for receiving applications has officially ended, CENNAC's committee will elaborate a final list with all the eligible applications and will start preparing the next step of the process: the assessment, by a panel of independent experts, of the eligible applications.
- The assessment of the eligible applications will be carried out by a panel of independent experts, selected after an open call for applications and validated by the Board of Directors of the Romanian Cultural Institute.
- When the assessment of the panel of independent experts has come to an end, a ranking will be established. The projects who are applying will receive the grant funding within the limits of the available budget. Any project scoring less than 60 points out of the maximum of 100 won't be taken into consideration for grant funding. The applications will be assessed by the panel of independent experts only if they contain all the required documents. **The decisions of the panel of experts open the financing solely upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Cultural Institute.**

IV. Payment

The amount of the financial support to be granted will be determined in relation to the budget submitted by the applicant providing details for all types of costs; the collaboration between the RCI and the publisher will be established in a grant contract.

Reimbursement by the RCI will be completed, in one single installment, subsequent to the Romanian Cultural Institute receiving from the publisher the following:

- a number of 15 copies of the publication agreed per the grant contract, which must include acknowledgement of the financial support of the Romanian Cultural Institute on the copyright page;
- invoices, banking documents (**statements of account**) documenting the incurred costs and certifying that all payments were made within the validity period of the grant contract.

The Romanian Cultural Institute will not reimburse publishers for any payments made prior to the conclusion of the grant contract with the Romanian Cultural Institute.

The actual amount which shall be granted to the publisher as financial support shall be determined based on the supporting documents which will be submitted to the financier according to the provisions of the financing contract.

V. Ineligible works

PUBLISHING ROMANIA will not be supporting:

- supplements or special issues not complying with the conditions listed under the heading "**General eligibility terms**";
- institutional costs including administrative costs, payments to the budget deficit account, salaries, current payments of the publisher;
- promotion and distribution expenses;
- politically or religiously militant publications;
- publications fostering sexual, racial and ideological discrimination liable to infringe on human rights policies.

VI. Evaluation criteria

Financial support will be granted on an evaluation and selection basis and will take into consideration:

- the quality of the publication (national and international visibility and prestige, experience, editorial coherence and pertinence) - 30 points;
- the relevance of the contents of the special issue/supplement towards the international promotion of Romanian culture (quality of selected topic/subject, quality of contents, relevance of featured authors) - 30 p.;
- the distribution plan and the promotion strategy - 20 p.;
- the amount requested as financial support in relation to the total budget necessary for publishing the issue - 20 p.

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VII. Documents required for the application**The application file must contain:**

- the form requesting financial support, available at www.cennac.ro (see Application_Form_Magazines), **wet-signed** by the publisher's legal representative;
- copies of the copyright contracts concluded for the text, images, etc. in English or Romanian;
- certificate for tax-code registration translated into Romanian or English by a registered translator;
- presentations of the authors or the team working on the publishing project, in Romanian or English;
- a CV of the editorial director/editor-in-chief;
- a list of topics for the special issues/supplements;
- copies of the latest two issues of the publication.

The RCI shall only make use the digital version of the magazines submitted, during the evaluation process of the 2026 Publishing Romania session. Said magazines will be stored at CENNAC and will only be made available for the panel of independent experts, during the evaluation process.

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