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### **EIBF appoints Ewelina Oksiuta as new Director**

The European and International Booksellers Federation (EIBF) is delighted to announce the appointment of Ewelina Oksiuta as its new Director, succeeding Julie Belgrado after almost a decade of leadership.

An avid advocate for European cultural safeguarding, Ewelina has led efforts to protect and promote Europe's privately-owned historic houses since 2020 at the European Historic Houses (EHH) association, becoming its Secretary General in 2024. Holding a master's degree in European Studies from the Free University of Brussels, she has developed a strong background in cultural heritage, project management, and international cooperation. Prior to her current role at EHH, Ewelina coordinated the members' network and projects of an association dedicated to Second World War remembrance tourism. She also gained experience in communications and public relations while working at the Polish Embassy and the Polish Tourism Organisation in Brussels.

The EIBF's Executive Committee is united in its confidence in Ewelina's ability to champion freedom of expression, advocate for legislation that empowers, not burdens, small and medium-sized enterprises, and uphold and celebrate Europe's rich cultural diversity.

#### **EIBF President, Fabian Paagman, states:**

*"We are truly delighted to welcome Ewelina Oksiuta as the new Director of EIBF. Ewelina brings a unique blend of visionary leadership, strategic insight, and a deep understanding of the European cultural ecosystem. Her passion for empowering booksellers, combined with her innovative spirit and collaborative approach, makes her an outstanding addition to our organisation. We are eager to embark on this exciting journey together and to support her in championing the vital role of booksellers in shaping the future of the book industry in Europe and beyond."*



**Incoming EIBF Director, Ewelina Oksiuta, states:**

*“I am truly delighted to join EIBF as its new Director and to become part of a community that shares a deep passion for books and reading. Supporting booksellers, strengthening cultural life, and ensuring that books and bookshops continue to thrive in our cities and communities, and that their voice is heard at the EU level, is a mission I embrace with great enthusiasm. I am so grateful to the EIBF President and the entire Executive Committee for placing their trust in me, and I cannot wait to get to work together.”*

Ewelina will officially take up post as EIBF Director on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.