

Estratti dal FEP Daily (Crisis) Report

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Daily "Publishers vs. Corona" exchange

Germany

The German government has announced a **€130 billion COVID-19 stimulus package** including a **cut in VAT** rates from 1 July to 31 December 2020: the standard rate will decrease from 19% to 16%, and the reduced rate – the one that applies to books – will be cut from 7% to 5%. Read [more](#).

From the [Boersenblatt](#) - Recovering week by week: according to the latest industry figures, the month of May closed with an overall drop in turnover. It should be noted, however, that May 2020 had one sales day less than May 2019. Exclusive daily reports from Media Control show that revenues in the book trade appear to be stabilising.

France – The Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Ministry of Culture presented **new support measures for the book sector**. The new measures will be integrated into the third draft of the finance law presented on 10 June to the Council of Ministers. In total, **since the beginning** of the state of health emergency, the State has mobilized **more than 230 million euros** for the book industry in 2020. More in the [press release](#) (in French)

Market updates: [Sales in France went down by 56% in April compared to last year](#) ; the [releases of new books decreased by 36% since the end of lockdown compared to last year](#)

Sweden - The physical book fair in Göteborg, Göteborg Book Fair (24–27 September) is cancelled and a digital hub of education literature is being adapted in collaboration with publishers and industry participants: <http://app.bwz.se/gothiatowers/b/v/?vid=2894&v=16&share=1&ucrc=19CA5F074F>

United-Kingdom – Publishers throw support behind booksellers ahead of reopenings- Publishers have said they are committed to supporting booksellers as they prepare to physically reopen on 15th June, recognising the "vital role" they play and that the next few months are likely to be "hugely challenging". Full article on [the Bookseller](#)

European Writers Council – impact survey and call for support measures

Call of the European Writers Council –European Writers and Translators call on all decision makers for an overall political commitment to culture and a system update of the book world. [EWC Survey The Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Writers and Translators in the European Book Sector](#) is concluded with 37 recommendations on measures to support authors, the diversity of literature and the book value chain during and after the Covid-19 crisis.

In the press

Richard Charkin: Ten Publishing Things That Will Never Be The Same - Richard Charkin even takes aim at publishing's parties as he considers some of the practical lessons of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic—and revisits the hairstyle of his youth. Full article on [Publishing Perspectives](#)

Going virtual brings stronger competition for literary festivals - Festival organisers who have taken their events online during the pandemic are celebrating the increased outreach of virtual events, but say they also bring a "new set of challenges. Acting director of Ilkley Literature Festival Erica Morris told *The Bookseller* digitising festivals ramped up competition, as audiences are now not constrained by physical accessibility and geography, and inundated with online offerings. Read more on [The Bookseller](#)

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28/05 .[@RudyVanschoonbe](#) will talk of the consequences of the [#Covid19](#) crisis on publishing and the book chain, what European publishers did to help society, what society should do to help the book chain. Friday at 2 pm Brussels time, join [@HugoSetzer](#) and [@FEP_EU](#) President

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