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Two Partners « Author-Publisher » at the European Parliament in Strasbourg

A balanced copyright legislation is essential to preserve a diverse and high quality European literature, as will be demonstrated by two famous authors and their publishers at the third edition of the "Dialogues Author-Publisher", held at the European Parliament today under the auspices of Marielle Gallo, MEP and writer.

MEP Marielle Gallo will introduce the Dialogues, followed by Alain Absire, President of Sofia. Vincent Montagne, President of the French Publishing Association, as well as Piotr Marciszuk, President of the Federation of European Publishers will also say a few words. French writer Marie Darrieussecq and her publisher Paul Otchakovsky Laurens (P.O.L), and Polish writer Pawel Huelle and his publisher Jerzy Illg (Znak), will then talk about their common experiences, share with MEPs how their work is inextricably linked and how important the author-publisher relationship really is. They will cover a wide range of issues to demonstrate the need for:

- **Copyright protecting creation:** while recently again calls have been made in favour of a full reform of the copyright, it is essential to preserve the right sustaining authors' creation.
- An **adapted tax system:** a fiscal regime which favours wide book dissemination must be put in place. Existing reduced VAT rates in most Member States should be applied to all books irrelevant of their formats (paper or ebooks).
- **Fair competition on the Internet:** including interoperability between the different offers and encouraging the legal offer.

If you wish to meet with the authors and their publishers, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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