

EUNIC LONDON PROJECTS' REPORT 2023



INTRODUCTION



EUNIC London (European Union National Institutes for Culture) is the network of the cultural institutes and embassies from the member states of the European Union in London. A branch of EUNIC Global, the London network was established in 2007 and has at present 36 members.

The purpose of EUNIC London is to share knowledge and resources in order to promote greater cooperation and develop partnerships between European nations and UK organisations in the fields of arts and culture. EUNIC's activities in the UK are centred around four main directions:

- Develop joint projects: Growing portfolios with stimulating collaborations
- Connect people: Bridging the gap between the UK Arts & Culture scene and our members, with visits, day trips and networking events
- Promoting European Culture and implementing European Cultural policy
- Training our members: EUNIC is a platform for knowledge sharing and for capacity building amongst its members and partners



PRESIDENCY TEAM 2023



From left to right: Ula Tornau, Neicia Marsh, Mathias Rambaud.

The 2023 presidency team (appointed from Sept 2022 - Sept 2023) is:

- **Neicia Marsh** Programme Director of Society at the Finnish Institute in the UK and Ireland
- Mathias Rambaud Attaché for Books and Ideas & Head of the Book Department, Institut français in the UK
- Ūla Tornau Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Lithuania





September 2022 – September 2023

- Harvesting Young Creativity Belfast, 3-12 March 2023
- In Short, Europe: Awakening Leeds, 21-22 April 2023
- In Short, Europe: Awakening London, 12-13 May 2023
- European Writers Festival London, 20-21 May 2023
- European Translation and Publishing Grants Booklet 2023



HARVESTING YOUNG CREATIVITY

Harvesting Young Creativity was a EUNIC London project organised in partnership with <u>Young at Art</u>, Belfast Children's Festival. Over the duration of the festival, 3-12 March 2023, *Harvesting Young Creativity* brought visionary festival leaders and artists from across Europe, together with local Northern Ireland counterparts in order to participate in captivating panel discussions, workshops and performances.

The project included two panel discussions:

- Opening Worlds: How to further engage with the local community? Reach versus Depth of Impact with artists and experts Filu Sampé, Justinas Vancevicius, Inna Siemicz, and Veerle Kerckhoven. Moderated by Belinda McElhanney, Chief Executive of Imaginate. This took place on Friday 3 March, 3:15-4:45pm at Oh Yeah Music Centre, Belfast. Event attendances: 103
- Why Do We Need Festivals? How to stay innovative in the world of children's festivals? with experts Stefan Hansen, Laura Kauppinen, Suzanne Verboeket and Maria Steiner. Moderated by Tony Reekie, Director of Catherine Wheels that took place on Sunday 5 March, 10:00- 11:30am at Oh Yeah Music Centre, Belfast. Event attendances: 79

Both panel discussions were part of the Delegate programme of the 2023 homegrown Northern Ireland Showcase at the 25th Belfast Children's Festival. The total *homegrown* Showcase delegates were 76.

It also included two workshops:

•Theatre Props making workshop with the Lithuanian artists Antanas Dubra and Vladas Suncovas that took place on Saturday 11 March at Belfast City Hall and the Cathedral Quarter.

•Illustration workshop with the Polish artist and graphic designer Piotr Socha that took place on Sunday 12 March at The MAC.

All workshops took place on the last weekend of the festival 11-12 March 2023. A performance by the **North Belfast Youth Choir also took place on** 3 March 2023, at 2pm at Oh Yeah Music Centre, Belfast.

This project was awarded the EUNIC Global Cluster Fund and was supported by the followwing EUNIC London Members: Finnish Institute UK+Ireland, Austrian Cultural Forum, Embassy of Sweden, Embassy of Belgium- Flanders House, Polish Cultural Institute, Embassy of Lithuania, Goethe-Institut London, the Embassy of the Netherlands, the British Council Northern Ireland and the European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK.

HARVESTING YOUNG CREATIVITY

OPENING WORLDS

HOW TO FURTHER ENGAGE WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?



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HARVESTING YOUNG CREATIVITY

WHY DO WE NEED FESTIVALS?

HOW TO STAY INNOVATIVE IN THE WORLD OF CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS?







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HARVESTING YOUNG CREATIVITY

3 - 12 MARCH 2023 BELFAST





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Feedback from participants:

"It was great to hear from a range of voices across the sector spanning several different national contexts."

"Talks about diversity and representation on stage and in the audience."

"The panels were well chosen with great international input. It would have been great to see young people on some of the panels where appropriate to represent themselves."







IN SHORT, EUROPE: AWAKENING LEEDS EDITION, 21-22 APRIL 2023

The fifth edition of *In Short, Europe* European short film festival organised by EUNIC London in collaboration with the European Union Delegation to the UK, LEEDS 2023, Leeds International Film Festival and the Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, took place at Everyman Cinemas in Leeds on the 21st – 22nd April 2023 and at the Ciné Lumière in London on the 12th -13th May 2023.

This edition, entitled Awakening, was organised over two days and was curated into four strands: *Explore, Grow, Surround and Dream,* inviting audiences to imagine new beginnings, reflect on their past experiences and dare to dream of a brighter future.

The programme was curated by Ellie Hales, Film Programmer at Leeds International Film Festival and included 24 invigorating short films from all around Europe.

On Friday 21 April, the festival opened in Leeds with a special screening of the BAFTA and Oscar award winning short film *An Irish Goodbye* directed by Tom Berkeley & Ross White, followed by a discussion with Christine Morrow (New and Emerging Talent Executive, Northern Ireland Screen) and a drinks reception.

The festival was launched by H.E. Pedro Serrano, the EU Ambassador to the UK. In his opening speech, Ambassador Serrano remarked how symbolic it was to bring this festival to Leeds, the city where, in 1888, Frenchman Augustin Le Prince captured some of the first surviving moving images. Ūla Tornau, Lithuanian Cultural Attache and EUNIC co-president and Ellie Hales, the Festival 's Curator also welcomed audiences to the festival.





IN SHORT, EUROPE: AWAKENING

LEEDS, 21-22 APRIL 2023 LONDON, 12-13 MAY 2023

The Festival's Programme

Screenings spread across two days and were curated into four strands: Explore, Grow, Surround and Dream, each featuring six films including fiction, animation and documentaries.

Explore (15)

Friday 21 April, 7:00- 8:30pm, Everyman Leeds Friday 12 May, 6:15- 7:45pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

Fabiu dir. Stefan Langthaler, Austria, 2020, drama, 30mins Deep Water dir. Anna Dudko, Ukraine, 2021, animation, 6mins Amours Libres dir. Emily Worms, Belgium, 2020, animation, 5mins Candy dir. Sarah Grant, Scotland, 2022, comedy drama, 13mins Dash dir. Rory Fleck Byrne, Ireland, 2021, drama, 15mins Sisters dir. Katarina Rešek Kukla, Slovenia, 2021, drama, 24mins

Surround (12A) Saturday 22 April, 12:00- 1:30pm, Everyman Leeds Saturday 13 May, 12- 2pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

Hedgehog's Home dir. Eva Cvijanović, Croatia, 2017, animation, 10mins For Tomorrow Paradise Arrives dir. Anna Hints, Estonia, 2021, documentary, 28mins To Teach a Bird to Fly dir. Minna Rainio & Mark Roberts, Finland, 2020, documentary, 24mins Hannah's Dream dir. Emily Reekers and Eugene Arts, Netherlands, 2021, drama, 13mins Airborne dir. Andrzej Jobczyk, Poland, 2021, animation, 8mins

Once There Was a Sea... dir. Joanna Kozuch, Slovakia, 2021, animation, 17mins

Grow (15)

Saturday 22 April, 3-5pm, Everyman Leeds Saturday 13 May,2:15- 3:45pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

Garconne dir. Nicolas Sarkissian, France, 2014, drama, 30mins Resistance dir. Benjamin Hujawa, Germany, 2019, drama, 3mins The Penguin's Flight dir. Stella Serefoglou, Greece, 2021, drama, 15mins End of Puberty dir. Fanni Szilágyi, Hungary, 2015, drama, 13mins Perpetua Felicidad dir. Isa Luengo and Sofía Esteve, Spain, 2022, drama, 21mins À l'ancienne dir. Yasmine Bahechar, Switzerland, 2020, docu-fiction, 19mins

Dream

Saturday 22 April, 6:30- 8:30pm, Everyman Leeds Saturday 13 May, 4:30-6:15pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

Rev (Dream) dir. Nikolas Kasinos, Cyprus, 2020, documentary, 25mins Electrician's Day dir. Vladimir Leschiov, Latvia, 2018, animation, 9mins ELENA dir. Biruté Sodeikaité, Lithuania, 2021, animation, 13mins Intercom 15 dir. Andrei Epure, Romania, 2021, drama, 22mins Powernapper's Paradise dir. Samir Arabzadeh, Sweden, 2022, documentary, 14mins Dream dir. Helena Fikerová and Tereza Říhová, Czech Republic, 2021, folk-horror, 9mins





IN SHORT, EUROPE: AWAKENING

LEEDS, 21-22 APRIL 2023 LONDON, 12-13 MAY 2023

Audience Numbers

LEEDS:			LONDON:		
SCREENING	DATE	ATTENDEES	SCREENING	DATE	ATTENDEES
EXPLORE	7PM, 21 APRIL	149	EXPLORE	6:15PM, 12 MAY	137
SURROUND	12PM, 22 APRIL	119	SURROUND	12PM, 13 MAY	114
GROW	3PM, 22 APRIL	114	GROW	2:15PM, 13 MAY	117
DREAM	6:30PM, 22 APRIL	151	DREAM	4:30PM, 13 MAY	142
TOTAL		533	TOTAL		510

Check the full project report here.

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Tom Curteis @TomCurteis · 21/04/2023 ··· The **#InShortEurope** Film Festival starts today. 24 films, from 24 European countries. Toi toi toi to @EUNICLONDON, @EUdelegationUK, @leedsfilmfest & all the filmmakers & directors featured. Great to have this exciting programme here at Leeds @Everymancinema for @LEEDS_2023!



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coming to Leeds! #InShortEurope: Awakening spotlights short films from 24 European Countries delving into four themes: Explore, Surround Grow and Dream. In collaboration with @leedsfilmfest, with @EUdelegationUK book your free ticket now

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Together with @EUdelegationUK and @LEEDS_2023 we are excited to announce the 5th edition of our short film festival #InShortEurope: Awakening! Leeds: 21-22 April @Everymancinema @leedsfilmfest London: 12-13 May @ifru_london leedsfilm.com/in-short/



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IN SHORT, EUROPE: AWAKENING

LEEDS, 21-22 APRIL 2023 LONDON, 12-13 MAY 2023

Q&A Sessions with Filmmakers Leeds:

In Short, Europe: Explore (15) Friday 21 April, 8:30- 9:00pm, Everyman Leeds

- Emily Worms, director of Amours Libres, Belgium Sarah Grant, director of Candy, Scotland
- Olia Sidorushkina, Curator of the Ukrainian Short Film Festival in London
- Moderator: Evangeline Spachis

In Short, Europe: Surround (12A) Saturday 22 April, 1:30- 2:00pm, Everyman Leeds

- Minna Rainio and Mark Roberts, directors of To Teach a Bird to Fly, Finland
- Eugene Arts, director of Hannah's Dream, Netherlands
- Moderator: Julia Brow

In Short, Europe: Grow (15) Saturday 22 April, 4:30-5pm, Everyman Leeds

- Yasmine Bahechar, director of Oldschool, Switzerland
- Moderator Ellie Hales

Q&A Sessions with Filmmakers London:

In Short, Europe: Explore (15) Friday 12 May, 7:45- 8:15pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

- Stefan Langthaler, director of Fabiu, Austria
- Rory Fleck Byrne, director of Dash, Ireland Katarina Rešek Kukla, director of Sisters, Slovenia
- Moderator: Emma Jones

In Short, Europe: Grow (15) Saturday 13 May, 3:45pm- 4:15, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

- Benjamin Hujawa, director of Resistance, Germany
- Isa Luengo y Sofía Esteve, directors of Eternal Happiness, Spain
- Moderator: Danny Leigh

In Short, Europe: Dream Saturday 13 May, 6:15pm- 6:45pm, Ciné Lumière Institut français London

- Nikolas Kasinos, director of Rev, Cyprus
- Samir Arabzadeh, director of Powernapper's Paradise, Sweden
- Moderator Danny Leigh





















EUROPEAN WRITERS FESTIVAL 2023



The first European Writers' Festival, organised by EUNIC London in partnership with the European Literature Network and the British Library, and with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom and the European Parliament Liaison Office in the United Kingdom took place on 20-21 May 2023 at the British Library.

Hailing from over 29 countries, the dazzling line-up of outstanding writers included: Raphaela Edelbauer, Charlotte Van Den Broeck, Caroline Lamarche, Olivier Guez, Georgi Gospodinov, Núria Bendicho, Anthony Anaxagorou, Kateřina Tučková, Harald Voetmann, Kai Aareleid, Emmi Itäranta, Mithu Sanyal, Elias Maglinis, Zsófia Bán, Viola di Grado, Jan Carson, Raibīs, Jurga Vilė, Nachoem M. Wijnberg, Vigdis Hjorth, Witold Szabłowski, José Luís Peixoto, Magda Carneçi, Chitra Ramaswamy, Monika Kompaníková, Ana Schnabl, Elena Medel, Defne Suman and Olena Stiazhkina.

Panels and performances took place over two days, each with different authors and different themes, from Writing about History to Freedom, Language and War.

The European Writers' Festival was curated by former BBC journalist Rosie Goldsmith, director of the European Literature Network and Editor-in-Chief of the *Riveter* magazines.



The Festival's Programme



Saturday 20 May

Session 1: Stories from the New Europe with:

- Viola Di Grado (Italy)
- Zsófia Bán (Hungary)
- Jan Carson (Ireland)
- Georgi Gospodinov (Bulgaria)
- Witold Szabłowski (Poland)
- Chaired by Rosie Goldsmith

Session 2: Freedom to Write: Writing Freedom with:

- Magda Carneçi (Romania)
- Vigdis Hjorth (Norway)
- Monika Kompaníková (Slovakia)
- Caroline Lamarche (Belgium)
- Mithu Sanyal (Germany)
- Chaired by Tahmima Anam

Session 3: War and its Aftermath with:

- Kai Aareleid (Estonia)
- Chitra Ramaswamy (Scotland)
- Olena Stiazhkina (Ukraine)
- Nachoem Wijnberg (Netherlands)
- Chaired by Claire Armitstead

Sunday 21 May

Session 1: Writing About History with

- Raphaela Edelbauer (Austria)
- Jurga Vilė (Lithuania)
- Harald Voetmann (Denmark)
- Defne Suman (Turkey) and
- Katerina Tučková (Czech Republic)
- Chaired by Georgina Godwin

Session 2: Stories Of Language And Translation with:

- Núria Bendicho (Catalunya)
- Elias Maglinis (Greece)
- Elena Medel(Spain)
- José Luís Peixoto (Portugal)
- Raibīs (Latvia)
- Chaired by Daniel Hahn

Session 3: Looking Forward with:

- Anthony Anaxagorou (Cyprus)
- Emmi Itäranta (Finland)
- Charlotte van den Broeck (Flanders)
- Olivier Guez (France)
- Ana Schnabl(Slovenia)
- Chaired by Bee Rowlatt



Audience Numbers

Saturday 20 May	Sunday 21 May	TOTAL	
214	181	395	







European Writers Festival, British Library, 20-21 May 2023









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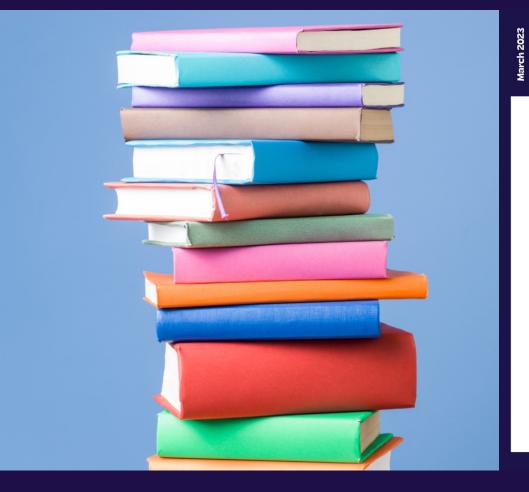
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2023 EUROPEAN TRANSLATION AND PUBLISHING GRANTS BOOKLET



TRANSLATION AND PUBLISHING GRANTS



The European Translation and Publishing Grants Booklet is an initiative of EUNIC London that includes information on Translation Prizes, Residencies and Publishing Grants on European Literature. It is presented every year at the London Book Fair where we invite British publishers working with literature in translation, European publishing houses and translators for a networking event celebrating and promoting European literature.

Download a copy of the 2023 edition <u>here.</u> This year's edition was designed by Levina Thomas.



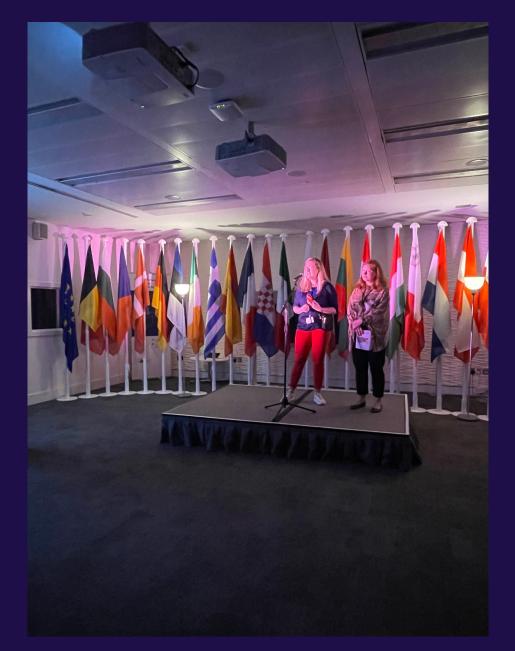
NETWORKING EVENTS & VISITS





EVENTS & VISITS 2022-23

- Industry Events, homegrown Showcase & Focus on Flanders part of Belfast Children's Festival 2023, 3-5 March, Belfast Northern Ireland. Over the first weekend of March, a delegation of 12 EUNIC members participated in the parallel industry programme organised by Young at Art as part of the Belfast Children's Festival which included several panel discussions, presentations, networking events and previews of theatre and dance performances.
- Launch Fringe Event, R.A.P. Party, Europe House, 19 May 2023. This event was organized within the framework of the European Writers Festival in partnership with the EU Delegation to the Uk. It was curated by the outstanding British-Nigerian writer and artist Inua Ellams, and included performances by: Fatima Bouhtouch (Italy), Maria-Sophia Christodoulou (Cyprus), Bella Cox (Spain), Inua Ellams (United Kingdom), Giovanni Esposito (Italy), Yanita Georgieva (Bulgaria), Bohdan Piasecki (Poland), Dan Sociu (Romania), Michaël Vidon (France), and Aea Varfis-van Warmelo (Greece).
- □ Visit to the Mike Nelson Exhibition at Hayward Gallery, 19 April 2023. Members had the opportunity to enjoy a private gallery tour by the curator of the exhibition: Extinction Beckons by Mike Nelson, Yung Ma, followed by a networking breakfast event.
- European Writers Festival Drinks Reception, Finnish Institute, 20 May 2023. This was a networking event for writers, translators, publishers and members organised as part of the European Writers Festival.
- □ Visit to the exhibition After Impressionism: Inventing Modern Art at the National Gallery, London, 22 June 2023. Members had the opportunity to enjoy a private guided tour of the exhibition.







Belfast Children's Festival Opening Drinks Reception hosted by General Representation of the Government of Flanders in the UK and British Council, The Lyric Theatre, 3 March 2023







homegrown Performances (from left to right): Plock! By Grensgavel Belgium, Nobody, Somebody by NI Opera and Prism by Replay Theatre Company NI

















Visit to the Heyward Gallery and to the National Gallery



PARTNERSHIPS

EUNIC London in 2022-2023 has developed partnerships with:

- The British Library
- The European Literature Network
- Young at Art, Belfast
- Institut français du Royaume-Uni
- English Pen
- Leeds International Film Festival
- Leeds2023
- The Ukrainian Institute London
- The School of Design, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom
- Goldsmiths University/ Cultural Diplomacy Programme
- Cultural Attaché Network
- UCL European Institute



From left to right: Bertrand Buchwalter Cultural Counsellor, French Embassy to the United Kingdom and Director of the Institut français du Royaume-Uni with H.E. Pedro Serrano, the EU Ambassador to the UK at the opening of *In Short, Europe Film Festival 2023*.



NEW MEMBERS

New candidate members 2023 TBC:

- The Faroe Islands Representation
- Embassy of Luxembourg
- The Hellenic Centre

EUNIC London is currently one of the biggest clusters in the world currently numbering 34 members.





GUEST SPEAKERS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

The past year we had the pleasure of welcoming the following guest speakers to our monthly members' meetings:

- Bengi Unsal Director of the ICA London
- Maria Montague Deputy Director, Ukrainian Institute London
- Aric Chen, Director of Het Nieuwe Instituut
- Victoria Broackes, Director London Design Biennale
- Tetyana Filevska, Creative Director Ukrainian Institute
- Steven Roth (Executive Director), Chris Hampson (CEO & Artistic Director), and, Catherine Cassidy (Engagement Director) from Scottish Ballet
- Gareth Rapley, Director of the London Book Fair
- Jonathan Sauvé, Director of the Diplomats for Equality Network
- Nick McDowell, Director International and Nicola Smyth, Senior Manager International, Arts Council England
- Tassos Stevens, Director of Coney | Interactive Theatre, Games and Adventures
- John Lake, EUROLIS Network









EUNIC Meeting at Scotland House and at the British Council







During the past year our presidency team participated in many events including chairing panel discussions, interviews, networking events, talks and presentations. To name a few:

- Mathias Rambaud delivered a presentation on EUNIC and Cultural Diplomacy at the MA Design Students of Greenwich University on 24 February 2023.
- Ūla Tornau made a presentation on EUNIC London at IFA (Institut fuer Auslandsbeziehungen) in Stuttgart on 24 May 2023.
- The presidency Team participated at a networking event hosted by The Cultural Attaché Network at the British Council's new headquarters in Stratford. The team had the opportunity to meet with key arts and cultural organisations and learn more about East Bank - an ambitious new world-class culture and education district being developed in East London, bringing together renowned institutions including the V&A, BBC, Sadler's Wells, University College London, and UAL London College of Fashion. This event took place on the 3rd November 2022.
- Mathias Rambaud chaired a session on Culture, Education and Science at the Embassy Induction Seminar on the 14th October 2022.
- Ūla Tornau presented EUNIC London to the GEO students of Transcultural Communication (prof. Simon Goldsworthy) on 2 June 2023.
- Neicia Marsh participated at EUNIC Mobility Scheme and visited the Arts Council Malta HQ in 4-7 April 2023.
- Mathias Rambaud presented EUNIC London translation grants booklet during the "EUROPE/UK Opportunities and Challenges post-Brexit" roundtable at the Literary Translation Centre of the London Book Fair on the 30 March 2023.
- Mathias Rambaud participated in the EUNIC Mobility Scheme in Brussels EUNIC Global, HQ 24-25 April 2023.
- Ūla Tornau, Stuttgart participated in the EUNIC Mobility Scheme and visited the IFA HQ in Stuttgart on 22-24 May 2023.







Participants in London Book Fair's panel included, from left. Mathias Rambaud, Rosie Goldsmith, Alexandra Büchler, and James Urquhart. Image: Publishing Perspectives, Olivia Snaije

EUNIC Global Mobility Scheme, Brussels.



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