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ILA's European partner

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FELA is a network of 30 literacy organisations in Europe

Our primary task is to bring together people from across Europe, people who have a common interest in literacy and who represent organisations devoted to the promotion and support of best practice in literacy.

FELA represents a community of researchers, teachers, academics, and experts in literacy from all over Europe.



OUR FOCUS IS

- **to help professionals improve their skills, and therefore affect the literacy of learners...**
- **to promote high-level literacy in Europe...**
- **to provide opportunities for networking across country boundaries, opportunities to learn from each other...**
- **to celebrate a community with common interests and aspirations...**
- **to cooperate and share, to compare experiences and to learn from each other, in particular, at conferences...**



OUR STRENGTH

- **Diversity of experiences, languages, scripts, traditions and friendships (professional and personal), sharing experiences, and activities – a source of inspiration.**
- **Diversity as richness - as growth - as strength.**
- **FELA members are committed to, and passionate about, literacy. There is a shared, common interest and a community of learning.**

**In 2024, FELA activities will cover two main areas:
professional content and internal and external
communication.**



I. STRATEGY HOUSE 2

Focus on **4 main** directions:

- To intensify the work of internal, collaborative projects between member organisations in the form of innovative and cooperative research and practice on literacy in Europe that is compatible with FELA's aims and objectives and has practical outcomes
- To intensify communication between members
- To attract new members and actively involve them in FELA's work
- The FELA website will be further developed.



II. General Assembly of all member organisations in Chania, Crete on June 23, 2024.

A. The GA will be combined with the **23rd European Conference on Literacy**, “Literacy for All: New Challenges, New Perspectives,” from June 24-26, 2024.





CONFERENCE SUBTHEMES:

1. Literacy in the Early Years (0-12)
2. Effective Literacy Instruction
3. Digital Literacy
4. Literacy Environments
5. Inclusive Practices in Literacy for Diverse Learners
6. Lifelong Development of Literacy Skills



B. The recipient of the **12th FELA Award** for Innovative Literacy Promotion in Europe will be announced at the 23rd European Conference on Literacy at the beginning of the second plenary session in Crete on June 25, 2024.



The FELA Awards committee recommended that the **2024 FELA Award** for Innovative Literacy Promotion in Europe be awarded to the project **Words Matter**, supporting adolescent literacy in rap workshops nominated by FinRA.

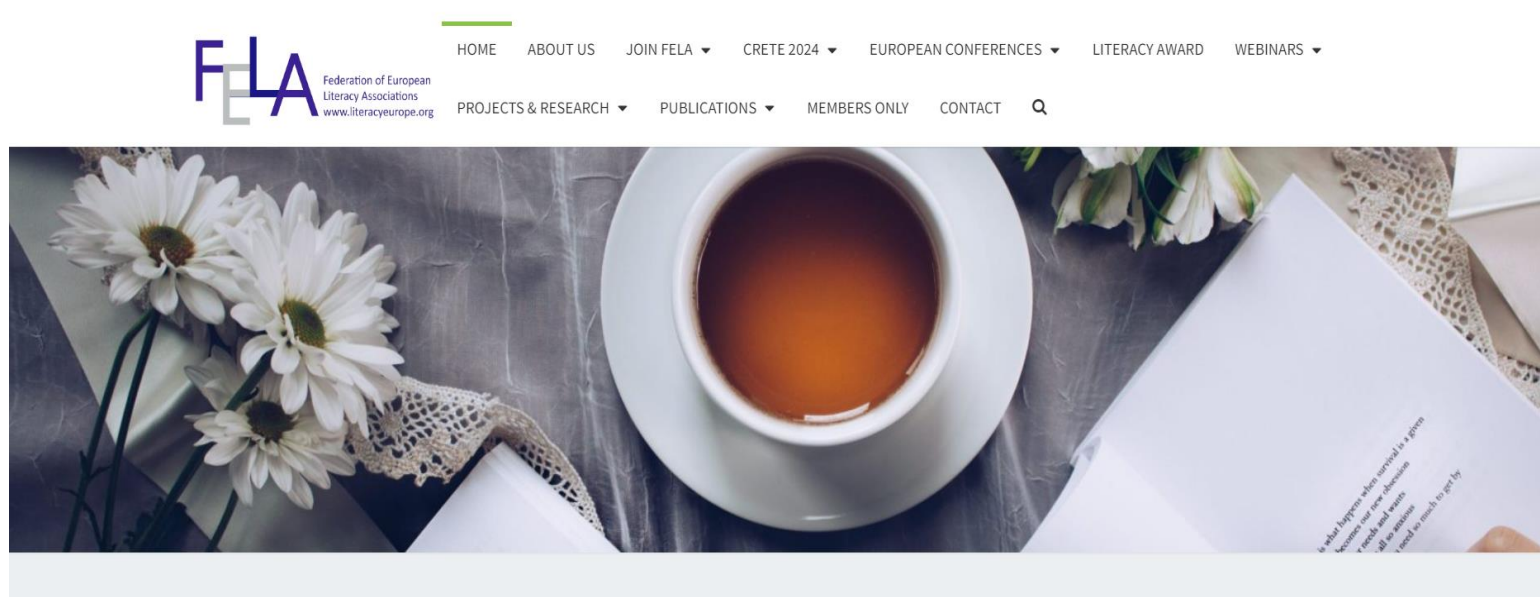
The project focuses on groups of adolescent students within different educational settings, vocational schools, special education groups, and prisons. Supporting literacy competence through rap lyrics and music, an art form with which these groups are familiar, may give the participants a new, useful perspective on the use of language and literacy and increase their motivation for reading.

The project has been spread to more than 10,000 students in over 60 workshops so far, and a Teachers' Guide, built on the experiences from the project, makes it available to all groups of students.



NEXT STEPS

- The FELA website will be further developed.





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