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### **CARTOON FORUM & CARTOON D'OR**

French filmmaker Sandra Desmazieres' first animated film *Sans Queue Ni Tete* won this year's Cartoon D'Or, which includes 15,000 Euro from the MEDIA Programme in pre-production aid to begin work on a feature film or TV series project. Desmazieres' six-minute painting on paper film about a woman's nonsensical and absurd day was chosen from five European animated shorts selected from 25 prize-winners from the film festivals partnering the CARTOON animation initiative. .

The Cartoon D'Or was presented at the closing ceremony in Italy's Varese at the 14th Cartoon Forum which saw 82 animated series or TV special specials with a total production volume of Euros 285m being pitched to 108 broadcaster representatives and 154 other potential investors. This year's financing market included projects for the first time from the new European Union member states of Poland and Slovakia, but the overwhelming majority - 67 - came from the five "large animation territories" of the UK, France, Germany, Spain and Italy. 5 Irish projects were presented by TELEGAEL Teo., MAGMA FILMS (with A-FILM & NDF), MONSTER ANIMATION AND DESIGN Ltd., JIMMY MURAKAMI FILM PRODUCTION Ltd and THE CARTOON SALOON Ltd.

According to Cartoon's managing director Marc Vandeweyer, between 35-40% of the projects presented have a "good chance" of closing their finance and being realized in the short to middle term.

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