

FINAL PRESS RELEASE CARTOON FORUM KOLDING 2005

The 16th Cartoon Forum, supported by the Media Programme of the European Union, took place in Kolding, Denmark, 21 to 24 September.

More than 730 professionals in the European animation industry took part, of whom 250 were buyers (broadcasters, financiers, publishers or investors).

67 projects, from 16 European countries, were presented during the three working days of the event. These projects represented a sum of 250 million Euro.

By the end of Cartoon Forum, 24 projects had been financed to a total of 100 million Euro.

It is worth noting that this year projects from small territories were among those which succeeded in assembling their finance; namely one Icelandic, three Irish, one Danish and one Belgian project, i.e. 6 out of the 24 (25%).

The other 18 are from France, Germany, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom.

These results illustrate yet again the importance of Cartoon Forum for producers – of course – but also for broadcasters, who know that this is the only place to make discoveries which are off the beaten track of commercial American and Japanese animation.

Cartoon Forum closed with the Cartoon d'Or ceremony, the award being won by the British filmmaker Marc Craste for his film "Jo Jo in the Stars".

The next Cartoon Forum will take place in Pau, France, from 20 to 24 September 2006.

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