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5 French companies have been recognized by the 17th Cartoon Forum, which pays homage to the leading protagonists of European animation.

The 17th Cartoon Forum, the co-production forum dedicated to the financing of European animation programmes for television, honours the companies that have had a positive influence on the European animation industry over the last year with the creation of the Cartoon Tributes. The over 750 participants of Cartoon Forum 2006, hosted in the French town of Pau from 20-23 September, will vote on the winners that will be announced at a ceremony on 23 September. A total of 15 companies from six European countries have been nominated as finalists in three categories. French companies are the most numerous among the finalists. France 5, Tiji and Gulli (from the Lagardère Canal J group) are in competition for the Broadcaster of the Year. France Télévisions Distribution is nominated for the Investor of the Year and Alphanim and Futurikon for the Producer of the Year.