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ROBERTO CICUTTO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE EURIMAGES FUND

Lucerne, 05.12.2024 - Today, the Eurimages Board of Management, meeting in plenary session in Lucerne, elected Roberto Cicutto President of the Cultural Fund of the Council of Europe.

Born in Venice, Roberto Cicutto has been working in the film industry for over 40 years. Founder of the production company Aura Film, whose film "The Legend of the Holy Drinker" by Ermanno Olmi was awarded the Golden Lion at the 1988 Venice Film Festival, he then established the Mikado Film company, with which he distributed and produced films by famous Italian and foreign directors. He also co-founded Sacher Distribuzione and was Ermanno Olmi's partner in the production company Cinemaundici.

A member of the Council of the Atelier du Cinéma Européen and the European Film Academy, he served as President and CEO of Istituto Luce - Cinecittà srl, which manages these legendary studios, from 2009 to 2020.

He was also President of the Venice Biennale from 2020 to 2024 and joined the Board of Directors of the Locarno Film Festival in October 2024.

Roberto Cicutto will succeed Catherine Trautmann, who has chaired the Eurimages Board of Management since 1st January 2017 and whose term of office comes to an end on December 31, 2024. *"It has been a great pleasure for me to stand by the Eurimages Board of Management alongside the staff members throughout the reform of its governance. I hope that the success of this exemplary Fund will continue to benefit professionals, and that it will be strengthened to reaffirm democratic values, which have never been so threatened."*

Roberto Cicutto, who "looks forward to defending both the essential role and the values of such an organisation", will chair the Eurimages Fund from 1st January 2025, for a 4-year term.

About Eurimages

Eurimages is the cultural support fund of the Council of Europe, promoting independent filmmaking by providing financial support to feature-length fiction, animation and documentary films, made as international co-productions. Based in Strasbourg, the Fund is financed by contributions from its 38 European member states and Canada. Since it was set up in 1988, Eurimages has supported 2 495 co-productions for a total amount of approximately 709 million euros. More information on www.coe.int/eurimages.

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