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Eurimages Co-production Development Award

STRASBOURG, 19.07.2011 – The Council of Europe's Eurimages Fund is joining forces with the Sarajevo Film Festival's co-production market (CineLink) to award the *Eurimages Co-production Development Award* at its forthcoming event on 27-30 July 2011.

The award, a cash prize of 30 000 euros, has been created to encourage European co-production from the initial stages of a project.

To be eligible, projects must participate in the CineLink and be designed from the outset as a European co-production intended for cinema release between at least two member states of the Eurimages Fund for reasons other than purely financial.

The Eurimages Co-Production Development Award will be awarded on the basis of the project's artistic quality and its prospects of remaining a European co-production. The award, which takes the form of a non-reimbursable subsidy, will be used by the beneficiary exclusively for the purposes of meeting the development expenses of the project.

The first Eurimages Co-Production Development Award was given to the project *Wolf* by Bogdan Mustata (produced by Strada Film, Bucharest) as part of the CineLink event held during the Sarajevo Film Festival in July 2010 while the second Eurimages Co-Production Development Award went to a project called *Chaika* by Miguel Angel Jiménez (produced by Kinoskopik, Alava, Spain) at the New Cinema Network in Rome in November 2010 and the third one to the project *Kid* by Fien Troch (produced by Prime Time in Brussels) at the last CineMart which took place during the International Film Festival in Rotterdam.

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EURIMAGES is a support fund for the co-production, distribution and exhibition of European cinematographic works, established by the Council of Europe in 1988 (E-mail: Eurimages@coe.int – Web: <http://www.coe.int/Eurimages>) (1).

Since it was set up in 1988, EURIMAGES has supported 1383 European co-productions for a total amount of approximately 417 million euros.

(1) Since 1 March 2011, EURIMAGES has 35 member states: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Turkey.