



**Press release**  
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**The winner of the Eurimages Co-production Development Award at Cartoon Movie is:**

### **“Of Unwanted Things and People”**

**by David Súpup, Ivana Laučíková, Leon Vidmar & Agata Gorzałdek  
co-produced by Maur Film (Czech Republic), Artichoke (Slovakia),  
ZVVIKS (Slovenia) & WJTeam/Likaon (Poland)**

The Council of Europe’s Eurimages Fund has joined forces with ten co-production markets all over the world – and Cartoon Movie is one of them once again this year – in order to award **the Eurimages Co-production Development Award**. This cash-prize of €20,000 has been created to promote the Fund’s role in encouraging international animated co-production from the initial stages of a project. The project has to be designed from the outset as an international co-production for cinema release and initiated by a lead producer based in a Eurimages country willing to co-operate with other partners internationally. The lead producer should aim to involve at least one other producer from a Eurimages country. The award, which takes the form of a non-reimbursable subsidy, must be used by the producers to cover development expenses of the animation project.

**The Eurimages Co-production Development Award was awarded today, Thursday 7 March, during the Cartoon Movie (Bordeaux, France) to the project “Of Unwanted Things and People” by David Súpup, Ivana Laučíková, Leon Vidmar & Agata Gorzałdek and co-produced by Maur Film (Czech Republic), Artichoke (Slovakia), ZVVIKS (Slovenia) & WJTeam/Likaon (Poland).**

The Jury was composed of Dorien Van de Pas (Netherlands Film Fund – The Netherlands), Tom Carpelan (Filmkompaniet - Finland) and François Mergier (STUDIOCANAL - France). Eight international projects in development pitched at Cartoon Movie 2019 were nominated. The Jury was impressed by the project “Of Unwanted Things and People” by David Súpup, Ivana Laučíková, Leon Vidmar & Agata Gorzałdek and co-produced by a unique team of 4 co-producers coming from 4 different European countries: Maur Film (Czech Republic), Artichoke (Slovakia), ZVVIKS (Slovenia) & WJTeam/Likaon (Poland). They would work together for the first time with this project “Of Unwanted Things and People”.

A film involving a great deal of fantasy and imagination dealing with universal and sometimes also difficult issues with both respect and not underestimating the children's way of understanding. It is on top of that a plea for the art of storytelling. The co-producers have also a strong vision on their working process, the development and production of the film, financing and marketing.

### **About Cartoon Movie**

Since 1999, 333 films pitched at Cartoon Movie, with a total budget of 2.2 billion Euros, have secured their financing and have been released thanks to this annual forum aimed at strengthening the production and distribution of animated feature films in Europe.

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### **About Cartoon**

CARTOON – European Association of Animation Film is an international non-profit association based in Brussels that organises Cartoon Movie, together with Cartoon Forum, a co-production forum for animated TV series, Cartoon Master training seminars and Cartoon Connection, a programme intended to explore ways of reinforcing cooperation between EU and non-EU animation professionals.

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### **Images**

**The list of selected projects** can be found at this link:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/cartoon-movie-event/cartoon-movie-2019/discover-the-projects-2019.htm>

**Poster of the event and high-resolution stills of the projects** available for downloading in the Press Area:

<http://www.cartoon-media.eu/home/press-login.htm>

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