

CO-PRODUCTIONS AT THE CIRCOM REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN GRADO

22.5.03
14.45-16.00
Workshop no 1
Projects on Enlargement

Moderator : Valérie Joyeux, BR Munich

Lene Krüger and Tim Johnson presented the project on the New Teenage Europe. The stations may produce short stories about the young ones in their country. The subjects could be : how do the teenagers think about EU but also how do they think about the applicant countries, sex, religion, family, education, democracy, etc... ERT3 Greece, CBC Cyprus, TVP Poland, RTV Slovenia and TV Syd have been the first partners of the pool.

The second project is called the Last Straight Line. Peter Sauer gave an overview of the project with all editorial and technical details. The topics may report on the current member countries, how they imagine the new EU, what they expect from enlargement and how they prepare for it.

Excerpts of programmes were visionned. Both projects are based on the same principle with a similar funding (up to 400 Euros per minute). Since the 9th of April 03, the programmes have been transmitted on EbS and are free for all circom regional members to use them.

This workshop raised the interest of many stations and all of them are asked to sent their proposals to TV Syd and BR.

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14.30-16.00
Workshop no 2
Current and New Projects

Moderator : Olivier Brumelot, France 3 Lille

The first part of this workshop was dedicated to current projects co-produced by circom regional stations with the aim to gain not only new partners but also in some cases additional support from the EU.

This was e.g the case of "The Wheels of Time", the well-known co-production on archeology and the protection of cultural heritage, created in 1991 on the initiative of RTBF. "Kowalski Meets Schmidt", the German-Polish magazine between ORB and TVP was presented again by both partners and TV Czech may join the co-production. Also the Balkan Magazine, the first main co-production between 8 Balkan countries is a success in the way that politically different stations can work on a common cooperation. Excerpts of the programs were visionned.

The second part gave the opportunity to present new proposals. BR Munich proposed two new projects - "Celebrating Europe" and "The Europeans and their pets". The idea of "Celebrating Europe" is to draw attention to unknown traditional celebrations like unusual events that are not described in the travel guides. The theme is an interesting person who is experiencing the event. For the second one, BR would like to compile a 30 min programme with a variety of different pet stories. The idea is that the pet will provide access to the person, whose story is centre-stage.

"Allios", presented by ERT3 was the third new project. It is a weekly news magazine produced by students making their own program on their everyday life, their visions, their hopes and fears. Two stories were viewed during the workshop.

For more information on all projects discussed, see the updated Copro List on the cr webpage.

And last, the workshop gave also the word to the Director of DG Press and Communication from the Europ. Commission, Mr. Niels Thogersen who draw the attention to the latest calls for proposals on audiovisual productions carrying information on the following three themes : Enlargment of the European Union, The Future of Europe and General Information on the European Union. It concerns any subject related to Europe (Europe of the cultures, Europe of the regions, Europe of people, etc...) and not necessary on the institutional Europe. Deadline for the first topic is the 30th of June 2003 and for the other ones, the 15th of September 03. All details are to be found under http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/press_communication/index_en.htm or contact directly Mr. Niels Jorgen Thogersen, tel +32 2 2999099, fax +32 2 2999207, niels-jorgen.thogersen@cec.eu.int

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