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Seven Countries win at PRIX EUROPA 2015 Best European media productions of the year were honoured in Berlin

On Friday evening the festive finale of the European Media Award PRIX EUROPA took place in the historic broadcasting house in Berlin. 12 TV-, Radio- and Online programmes received a prize as Best European Production of the Year, originating from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Germany. In addition, the Swedish investigative journalist Rolf Stengård was honoured for his lifetime achievement.

One of the largest juries in the world decides on 212 productions

The competition in the festival is strong: this year 212 submissions from 28 countries were nominated. 259 jurors from all over Europe selected the programmes - a procedure that takes time. First all the nominated productions have to be viewed and listened to, then they are discussed and voted on. It is hardly surprising that in some categories the selection process takes five days.

In the end twelve bronze Taurus Trophies were handed over to the winners, plus 6000 Euros each. In addition, the Swedish journalist Rolf Stengård was honoured for his merits in investigative journalism with the PRIX EUROPA Lifetime Achievement Award. This prize goes to an outstanding personality of the European media world every year.

Most prestigious tri-media festival in Europe

With the jurors about 900 European media professionals participated in the festival. This makes PRIX EUROPA the most important media competition on the continent. The award exists since 1987, it will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year. While initially moving from one country to the next, it found a permanent home in Berlin at the rbb Haus des Rundfunks in 1997.

A European co-production

PRIX EUROPA is supported by 30 European institutions, among them numerous European media organisations as well as the European Commission and the European Broadcasting Union. With this year's edition the Director General of the Swiss broadcasting corporation SRG SSR, Roger de Weck, ends his term as PRIX EUROPA President. He stresses the enormous importance of its existence, describing the festival as "an oasis in which the beauty and diversity of the European media landscape with all its faces become visible". The candidate for his succession is Cecilia Benkö Lamborn, Director General at the Swedish broadcaster Sverigesradio.



Live transmission of the Awards Ceremony

The German broadcaster rbb transmitted the Awards Ceremony live on its' homepage. The stream will remain online following the link rbb-online.de/prixeuropa. Excerpts from the winning productions and jury citations can be found on the PRIX EUROPA homepage.

And the winners are...

**TV DOCUMENTARY CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European TV Documentary of the Year 2015**

Little Angels

submitted by Windmill Film, The Netherlands

**TV CURRENT CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European TV Current Affairs Programme of the Year 2015**

Brennpunkt: A Nobel Cause / Fresprisens pris

submitted by Norsk rikskringkasting – NRK, Norway

**TV FICTION CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European TV Drama of the Year 2015**

The Spiderwebhouse / Im Spinnwebhaus

submitted by Tellux Film GmbH Stuttgart, Germany, co-produced by SWR

**TV FICTION CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European TV Fiction Serial or Mini-Series of the Year 2015**

Viva Hate

submitted by Anagram Film and TV AB, Sweden, co-produced by Sveriges Television – SVT, Film Väst

**TV IRIS CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European TV Programme of the Year 2015 About Cultural Diversity**

Patience, Patience, You'll Go to Paradise!

submitted by Blast productions asbl, Belgium, coproduced by Clair-Obscur Productions, RTBF, ARTE, Le Centre du Cinema et de l'Audiovisuel de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, Voo

**SPECIAL AWARD -
PRIX GENEVE for the Most Innovative Television Fiction Script of the Year 2015 by a Newcomer**

Nicole Armbruster and Marc Brummond, the authors of

Sanctuary / Freistatt

submitted by Südwestrundfunk – SWR / ARD, Germany
co-produced by Zum Goldenen Lamm Filmproduktion

**RADIO DOCUMENTARY CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European Radio Documentary of the Year 2015**

Junkies in the Country / Poudreuse dans la Meuse

submitted by ARTE Radio, France

**RADIO CURRENT AFFAIRS CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European Radio Investigation of the Year 2015**

The Emergence of Terror – A Feature About the Escalation of Violence / Wie Terror entsteht - Ein Feature über die Eskalation von Gewalt

submitted by Westdeutscher Rundfunk – WDR, Germany, co-produced by SWR, BR, SR, NDR, RB, HR

**RADIO FICTION CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European Radio Drama of the Year 2015**

**Orpheus in the Upperworld: The Smuggler's Opera / Orpheus in der Oberwelt:
Eine Schlepperoper**

submitted by Westdeutscher Rundfunk – WDR, Germany

**RADIO FICTION CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA - Best European Radio Fiction Series or Serial of the Year 2015**

Boswell's Lives: Boswell's Life of Freud

submitted by the British Broadcasting Corporation – BBC, United Kingdom

**RADIO MUSIC CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European Radio Music Programme of the Year 2015**

The Voices of Elly Stone

submitted by Falling Tree Productions, United Kingdom

**ONLINE CATEGORY –
PRIX EUROPA for the Best European Online Project of the Year 2015**

ZDFLobbyradar / <http://www.lobbyradar.de>

submitted by Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen – ZDF, Germany

PRIX EUROPA Lifetime Achievement Award

...goes to Rolf Stengård



Rolf Stengård has significantly influenced debates both nationally and internationally through his work as Head of Investigative Journalism at Swedish Radio and as founder of 'Radioleaks', Sweden's first service for whistle blowers.

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More information, excerpts from all winning productions and jury citations on:
<http://prixeuropa.eu>

Photos and press kits for all the winners are available for download on:
<http://prixeuropa.eu/press/materials-for-press-use>

Direct link to the VoD of the Awards Ceremony in the rbb media centre:
<http://mediathek.rbb-online.de/tv/Livestream/Preisverleihung-Prix-Europa-2015/rbb-Fernsehen/Video?documentId=31230158&topRessort=tv&bcastId=31230160>

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