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European Parliament cinema Prize (LUX Prize 2008):

THREE FILMS IN COMPETITION

Three films from the official selection (*see Annex 1*) published last week will be competing for this year's European Parliament cinema Prize - the LUX Prize 2008:

Title (release date, runtime)	Countries	Director(s)
<u>Delta</u> (2008, 92')	Germany, Hungary	Kornél Mundruczó
<u>Le silence de Lorna</u> (2008, 105')	Belgium, United Kingdom, France, Italy	Jean-Pierre Dardenne Luc Dardenne
<u>Obcan Havel</u> (<i>Citizen Havel</i>) (2008, 119')	Czech Republic	Miroslav Janek Pavel Koutecký

Inaugurated in 2007, the LUX (*light*) Prize supports the distribution of European films in the European Union. It will be used to sub-title the winning film in the Union's 23 official languages and to produce one copy per Member State in 35 mm format. The value of the LUX Prize is estimated at €87,000.

The official selection is drawn up by a 17-strong panel (*see Annex 2*) drawn from the highest level of the cinema profession: producers, distributors, cinema operators, festival directors, critics, etc.

The winner will be chosen by Members of the European Parliament, after the competing films are shown from 15 September to 16 October. The LUX prize will be awarded on 22 October. In 2007, it went to the film "*Auf der anderen Seite*" by Fatih Akin.

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Annex 1

– European Parliament cinema Prize (LUX Prize 2008) – Official selection

Title (release date, runtime)	Countries	Director(s)
Delta (2008, 92')	Germany, Hungary	Kornél Mundruczó
Il resto de la notte (2008, 101')	Italy	Francesco Munzi
Le silence de Lorna (2008, 105')	Belgium, United Kingdom, France, Italy	Jean-Pierre Dardenne Luc Dardenne
Občan Havel (<i>Citizen Havel</i>) (2008, 119')	Czech Republic	Miroslav Janek Pavel Koutecký
Revanche (2008, 121')	Austria	Götz Spielmann
Sügisball (2007, 123')	Estonia	Veiko Õunpuu
Svetat e golyam i spasenie debne otvsyakade (<i>The World is Big and Salvation lurks around the Corner</i>) (2008, 105')	Bulgaria, Germany, Slovenia, Hungary	Stephan Komandarev
Sztuczki (<i>Tricks</i>) (2007, 95')	Poland	Andrzej Jakimowski
To Verdener (<i>Worlds Apart</i>) (2008, 116')	Denmark	Niels Arden Oplev
Wolke 9 (2008, 126')	Germany	Adreas Dresen

Selection criteria:

- fictions, animated films included, or documentaries;
- minimum length of 60 minutes;
- produced or co-produced in a country eligible under the MEDIA 2007 programme (EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland);
- released for the first time between 1 June 2007 and 31 May 2008;
- illustrating the universality of European values and/or the diversity of European culture and/or bringing insights into the debate on the process of building Europe.

Annex 2

– Members of the selection panel for the European Parliament cinema Prize (LUX Prize 2008)

1. Mr György BÁRON, Hungary
Critic



2. Mrs Clare BINNS, United Kingdom
Operator

3. Mrs Kirsten Lykke DALGAARD, Denmark
Co-President, Natfilm international film festival; operator; distributor

4. Mr Michel DEMOPOULOS, Greece
Special fiction Advisor, ERT

5. Mrs Fatima DJOUMER, European Union
Head of International Affairs and Events, Europa Cinema

6. Mrs Mercedes ECHERER, Austria
Director, Krems European film festival (EU XXL Film); former Member of the European Parliament

7. M. Roman GUTEK, Poland
Director, Era New Horizons film festival; operator; distributor

8. Mrs Anne VERVIER, Belgium
Operator

9. Mrs Susanne HOFFMANN, Germany
Secretary-General, Prix Europa

10. Mr Stefan KITANOV, Bulgaria
Director, Sofia international film festival; producer, distributor

11. Mr Slavko VUKANOVIC, Malta
Programming Director, Westside Short Film Festival; producer; distributor

12. Mr Klaus MAECK, Germany
Producer, Corazón International ("*Auf der anderen Seite*", LUX Prize'07 winner)

13. Mr Peter NÁGEL, Slovakia
Programming director, Bratislava international film festival

14. Mrs Sonora BROKA, Latvia
Programming director, Arsenāls

15. Mrs Georgette RANUCCI, Italy
Operator; distributor

16. Mr Yvon THIEC, European Union
Delegate-General, Eurocinema

17. Mrs Nuria VIDAL, Spain
Critic