

**PRESS RELEASE: CEPI votes on new board in Madrid and confirms its strategic objectives**

**Madrid, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November 2021,**

CEPI, the European Audiovisual Production Association which gathers national associations of Independent producers across Europe, important pan-European associations such as Animation Europe and companies such as Mediapro, met in Madrid for its first physical annual General Assembly since 2019. The meeting was hosted by AECiné ( Asociación Estatal de Cine) and took place at the Academia de las Artes y las Ciencias Cinematográficas de España, Spain's Academy of Cinema.

On the 25th of November CEPI members elected their new President, Treasurer and Board members.

Ms Susana Gato, executive President of APIT, in Portugal was elected as president and Mr Jerome Dechesne (USPA, France) was elected as Treasurer.

Mr. Filip Bobinski (APA Czech Republic), Ms Monique Goeschl (FAMA, Austria), Mr Soren Jorgensen (Pro-f, Denmark), Mr Mario Mauri (APA, Italy), and Mr Anthony Muldoon (SPI, Ireland) were reelected as Board Members and Vice presidents.

The co-opted Board members were approved by the General Assembly and are Ms Alicja Grawon-Jaksik (KIPA, Poland), Ms An Jacobs (VOFTP, Belgium), Ms Emmanuelle Mauget (SPI, France), and Ms Chiara Sbarigia, APA, Italy. The new President, Treasurer and Board members-Co-opted members will have a mandate for the next 2 years.

Susana Gato, President of CEPI: "Accompanying independent producers in the fast changing landscape we are all experiencing is CEPI's first priority. Independent producers are a key component of the audiovisual ecosystem. We must ensure that they benefit from the right tools and environment to support them in this position and when working with the rest of the ecosystem. CEPI allows our voice to be present and heard in brussels, especially at times of important political developments and digital evolution. I am looking forward to continue this work with the support of the entire board, and welcome both KIPA, from Poland and Le SPI from France, as new members of the Board."

The CEPI General Assembly warmly thanked Jerome Dechesne for his dedication to the organization as President of CEPI for the past five years.

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