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## Short films on language learning compete for Prix Europa

Berlin, 21 October 2011 - Fifteen short films by art and film students from ten EU countries will compete in this year's 25<sup>th</sup> Prix Europa festival, in the Best Video on Multilingualism ('Languages through Lenses') category. The 90-second films focus on language learning and cultural diversity. They were produced by students in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Italy, Poland, Hungary, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom and selected for screening from more than 120 entries. They will be judged by an open jury of festival participants, a system that distinguishes the Prix Europa from other festivals. The top three films will be announced on 26 October and the winner will receive their prize (a trophy in the form of a bronze calf) during the awards ceremony on 29 October. The European Commission is contributing a total of €500 000 to support the student film competition over two years (2011 and 2012), in recognition of its role in raising awareness of the benefits of Europe's linguistic and cultural diversity. This grant covers the production costs of the 15 shortlisted films and travel costs to the festival for two people per project. Since its creation in 1987, the Prix Europa has become Europe's largest festival for television, radio and online media. Other award categories include Best European Radio Music Programme, Best Television Current Affairs Programme, Best Television Fiction Programme, and Best Online Project of the Year. The first prize in the student film category was awarded in 2009.

### To find out more:

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