



## **CRC Capital Regions for Cinema**

CRC (Capital Regions for Cinema), the Network of the European Capital Regions of Rome and Lazio, Paris-Ile de France, Comunidad de Madrid and Berlin-Brandenburg, was created to support and facilitate European film co-production and distribution, focusing on the idea that a Capital Region is a point of excellence for the development of culture and resources.

*CRC Capital Regions for Cinema*, which was presented in 2005 at the 58th Cannes Festival in the presence of producers and personalities from European filmmaking, has since carried out its mission of promoting European cinema and developing co-productions. During the main film festivals, Cannes, Berlinale, Rome and San Sebastian, the CRC network organizes meetings between European producers and business development platforms dedicated to analyzing and researching projects suited to the European film market.

CRC has organised institutional meetings between the political representatives of the four Capital Regions to develop a common fund for European co-production. During the Terre di Cinema congress, held in October 2006, the Common Declaration was signed by the political representatives of the CRC Regions, marking an additional advance for the CRC network. Signatories included:

- Giulia Rodano, Cultural Councillor - Lazio Region
- Francis Parny, Viceprésident chargé de la culture - Ile de France
- Kirsten Niehuus, Managing Director, Medienboard Film Funding Berlin-Brandenburg
- Amado Gimenez Precioso, Director General de Promocion Cultural - Comunidad de Madrid

In order to plan the CRC's common path, the political meeting, held in February 2006 at Berlin's Hotel Ritz Carlton, was attended by:

Italian delegation:

- Giulia Rodano, Culture, Entertainment and Sports Councillor –Lazio Region
- Enzo Ciarravano, Director of the Cultural Heritage and Activities Dept. – Lazio Region

French delegation:

- Marie-Pierre de la Gontrie, 1ère Vice-Présidente en charge des Finances Region Ile de France
- Francis Parny, Vice-Président en charge de la Culture Region Ile de France

Spanish delegation:

- D<sup>a</sup>. Isabel Martínez-Cubells, Viceconsejera de Cultura y Deportes de la Comunidad de Madrid
- D. Javier Casal Novoa, Director General de Promoción Cultural de la Comunidad de Madrid

German delegation:

- Knud Bach, Ministerium für Wirtschaft – Referatsleiter (manager for the ministry of the economy–Berlin-Brandenburg Region)
- Ulrike von Gayl, Referat Internationale Beziehungen, Außenwirtschaft, Westeuropa, USA, Asien (international relations and foreign affairs – Berlin-Brandenburg Region)