

# **Cinema Communication**

## **EUROPEAN CREATORS' Joint Statement**

### **Communication from the Commission on State aid for films and other audiovisual works**

We, European creators, are worrying about the new Cinema and Audiovisual Communication.

Recalling that the 2001 Cinema Communication has provided enough flexibility to Member States to administrate State aids to cinema and audiovisual creation, that no complaint or no distortion has emerged since, we ask the Commission and the Commissioner in charge of competition policy, Mr. Almunia, Vice-President of the European Commission, to reconsider their position particularly regarding the territoriality criteria in order to give to Member States enough flexibility in their subsidy policy, allowing them to determine the way and means to make flourishing cultural diversity and to respect the right of Member States to conduct in the future, as much as they do today and as successfully as it is, their own cultural policy related to cinema and audiovisual creation.

November 4th, 2013

**Jean-Pierre et Luc Dardenne**

**Pedro Almodòvar**  
**Laetitia Antonietti**  
**Roberto Andò**  
**Lucas Belvaux**  
**Marco Tullio Giordana**  
**Claudio Giovannesi**  
**Abdellatif Kechiche**  
**Joachim Lafosse**  
**Ken Loach**  
**Nicolas Refn**  
**Wim Wenders**