

[DE] Co-production Agreement between North Rhine-Westphalia and the Irish Republic

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North Rhine-Westphalia's regional film fund *Filmstiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen* and the Irish Film Board (*Bord Scannán na hÉireann*) signed an agreement for the co-production of cinema films on 9 June 2008.

The aim of the agreement is to intensify cultural and economic co-operation between firms located in the two regions with regard to internationally co-produced feature-length cinema and documentary films. This is to be achieved within the official framework of bilateral international agreements or the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production, as well as by means of financial support from the two contracting parties. As far as the economic effect is concerned, a balance is sought between the economic benefits and the parties' financial and other investments and this will be statistically verified. Grant applications will be given fair and timely consideration and a decision taken.

After the agreement has been in force for two years, a joint examination will be conducted to see if the aims have been achieved.

