

What's happening in European Commercial Broadcasting 13-17 July 2020

Policy & business developments go hand in hand. This quick snapshot is designed to help EU media stakeholders to keep up with the innovative world of commercial broadcasting.

- ITV launches on screen Black Voices initiative
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ITV launches on screen Black Voices initiative

ITV is to launch a series of short films offering black people a platform to share stories of racism and their vision of changes they believe should happen. The 60" text and audio based short films, devised by ITV Creative, will run across ITV and STV's promotional airtime, social feeds, as well as a dedicated campaign site.



RTL Group: Diversity in the movie and TV industry

An alliance of German companies and associations to launch the first survey about diversity in front of and behind the camera. The first comprehensive survey about diversity and discrimination in the German film and TV industry, titled "Vielfalt im Film" (Diversity in Film), will launch on 17 July 2020. UFA is taking part in the study. The goal of the online survey of more than 30,000 creatives in the film industry is to acquire a data-based overall picture of diversity and discrimination experiences and thereby derive and advance concise actions for film productions, film promotion and politics for the development of a more just and diversified working environment.



Sky: Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Coronavirus Appeal

Sky News is supporting the DEC's launch of a new appeal to raise funds to deliver lifesaving aid such as clean water, soap and PPE equipment to help save millions of lives at stake as Covid-19 hits refugee camps and war-torn countries like Yemen, Syria, Somalia and South Sudan.



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ViacomCBS: Nickelodeon Doubles up With Xilam Animation Comedies

Xilam Animation, an independent animation production and distribution company, has secured a pair of deals with Nickelodeon for its short-form series CGI series Athleticus (60x2'15) and animated comedy Mr Magoo (78x7'). In a global deal, Nickelodeon takes exclusive pay-TV rights to two seasons of Athleticus covering Asia Pacific, EMEA and Latin America. The broadcaster has also acquired all TV rights for Athleticus in Benelux, Italy, Vietnam, Philippines and Argentina.

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