

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**NATIONAL FILM CENTRE OF LATVIA**

**ESTONIAN FILM INSTITUTE**

**AND**

**LITHUANIAN FILM CENTRE**

Cooperation agreement between

**NATIONAL FILM CENTRE OF LATVIA**, reg.no. 90000022100, Peitavas street 10, Riga, Latvia, LV-1050, hereinafter referred to as the "NFC", represented by Director Dita Rietuma,

**ESTONIAN FILM INSTITUTE**, reg.no. 90000357, Uus street 3, Tallinn 10111, Estonia, hereinafter referred to as the "EFI", represented by CEO Edith Sepp,

**LITHUANIAN FILM CENTRE**, reg.no. 302783199, Z.Sierakausko street 15, LT-03105, Vilnius, Lithuania, hereinafter referred to as the "LFC", represented by Director Rolandas Kvietkauskas,

all together hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

considering that in 2005 three Baltic States created a cooperation platform in audiovisual field *Baltic Films*, that worked until 2009, but certain activities should be continued,

referring to the Agreement of July 8, 1994 on cultural cooperation between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Culture and Education of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania;

referring to the trilateral Programme of cultural cooperation between Baltic States for the years 2015-2018 signed in Tallinn on 24 October 2014,

in order to promote Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian film industry interaction hereby agree as follows:

#### Article 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation and the exchange of information about their work and current events in each country's film industry.

The Parties shall organize annual mutual meetings to tackle areas of common interest.

The Parties shall exchange information and experience, and when required have consultations on issues relating to the policy of the European Union in audiovisual field.

#### Article 2

The Parties shall foster cooperation between Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian film professionals, especially regarding film co-productions. For this purpose the parties shall consider the possibility to establish co-production fund for films and TV-productions between Baltic States.

### Article 3

The Parties shall cooperate in organising film festivals, educational programmes, workshops or other film events in Baltic States.

In order to promote their national film professionals participation in neighbouring film events, the Parties may participate in such film events with financial support.

### Article 4

The Parties undertakes to promote distribution of Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian films in Baltic States.

The Parties shall consider the possibility to organise competitions for public funding to support public exhibition of the Baltic films.

In collaboration with embassies or by themselves Parties may organize Baltic film days or do other film promotion activities.

The Parties shall organize a joint event in 2018 to celebrate 100 years Anniversaries of the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

### Article 5

The Parties may agree to jointly participate in the most important international film festivals, jointly renting stands, organizing receptions or performing other marketing activities to promote Baltic film industries.

The Parties agree to continue participating in Nordic Film Days Lübeck and jointly presenting Baltic Films Prize. NKC undertakes to ensure the production of the Baltic Films Prize. Parties agree to cover all the relevant costs equally.

### Article 6

The Parties agree to continue publishing annually statistical booklet *Facts&Figures* on film distribution data in all Baltic States.

NFC undertakes to ensure extradition of booklets *Facts&Figures* as well as their shipment to EFI and LFC. Parties agree to cover all the relevant costs equally.

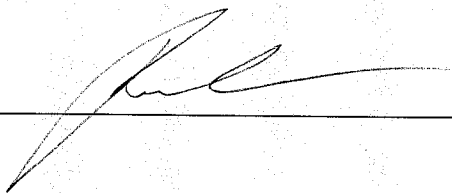
### Article 7

This Agreement shall be drawn up for the years 2015-2018 and shall come into force from the date of signature.

Done and signed in Cannes on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 in three originals in English.

For the National Film centre of Latvia

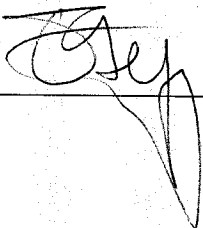
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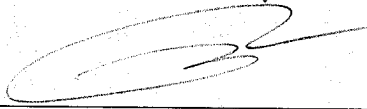
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For the Lithuanian Film Centre

Rolandas Kvietkauskas



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