



**GameExPro**



Felix from GameExPro, a young studio based in Berlin but run by a French, gives us a clear insight on co-production and presents the project he's been preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Franco-German Co-production Meeting for Videogames in September in Strasbourg. Yes, Felix is a 'lone cow-boy of developers' without a fixed team but backed by a network of experienced developers. He's looking for a team to make his project even more amazing.

So, what does Felix have in mind? The project itself is a VR escape rooms game called 'break away lab'. To discover more details about the game, you will have to wait until 'pitch o'clock' at the Co-production Meeting - breath holding suspense! He told us GameExPro is looking for a French studio for two main reasons. First, they have seen a lot of French projects with mind-blowing art and since the coding department for the project is already existing, they are hoping to find a partner able to take over the art

direction. Rather than outsourcing, he would like to work hand in hand with his partner, developing the project together. The second reason is funding, he has already gone through all the steps to acquire public funds in Germany but would like to "take advantage of as much public funding as possible". The idea is that he is willing to give his French partners the same thing he wants to get, namely the funding GameExPro acquired in Germany could count as own capital for the French studio in their application for public funding and he would like to use what the French team acquires as own capital for German public funds. Got it? Co-production would help both studios to develop a more polished project and pay for it as well – without forgetting the international added value!

As we asked Felix about his Franco-German experience, he giggled. Besides from the personal experience of being a French person living in Germany, professionally he has been involved in the past on a project with a French publisher and maintains contact to a few developers on the other side of the Rhin, although he hasn't worked with them yet. He has also collaborated with SpielFabrique. Nonetheless, he hasn't done any co-production projects so far and he is eager to change this situation and, in our opinion, very well prepared!