



PRESS RELEASE

MATRIX, SAYS NO TO THE TELEGATTI

Matrix, the Canale 5 current affairs programme, does not want to be considered for the Telegatto prize in the "News and background" category, in which it was included and from which the winner will be selected.

Enrico Mentana explained:

« For 15 months now, Matrix has been a part of the current affairs panorama which across the various channels provides an extremely competitive offer. Only to name a few programmes, from Porta a Porta to Otto e Mezzo, and from Ballarò all'Infedele, to Anno Zero and Report. While I understand the logic behind the popular vote, I don't think it is right that any of these programmes should be considered worthy of competing for a Telegatto prize, that features- along with Matrix - two programmes, that are very good of their type, like Lucignolo and Le invasioni barbariche. I therefore think its right to withdraw the programme I created with Davide Parenti from the competition, to which, in any case, I wish every success».

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