Welcome

Philippe Lioret
France
110 min
2009

Synopsis:

Simon works as an instructor and lifeguard at the Calais swimming pool. To impress his wife and win her back, he decides to take a big risk, when he secretly helps out a young Kurdish refugee who wants to swim across the English channel.

Screenplay: Philippe Lioret, Olivier Adam, Emmanuel Courcol

Cinematography: Laurent Dailland

Editing: Andrea Sedlackova

Music: Armand Amar, Wojciech Kilar

Sound: Pierre Mertens, Nicola Piovani, Laurent Quaglio, Eric Tisserand

Art direction: Yves Brover

Costumes: Fanny Drouin

Cast: Vincent Lindon (Simon Calmat), Firat Ayverdi (Bilal), Audrey Dana (Marion Calmat), Derya Ayverdi (Mina), Thierry Godard (Bruno), Selim Akgul (Zoran (as Selim Akgül), Firat Celik (Koban), Murat Subasi (Mirko), Olivier Rabourdin (Lieutenant Caratini), Yannick Renier (Alain), Mouafaq Rushdie (Mina's father), Behi Djanati Atai (Mina's mother (as Behi Djanati
Ataï), Patrick Ligardes (Simon's neighbour), Jean-Pol Brissart (The judge)

**Producer:** Christophe Rossignon

**Production:** Nord-Ouest Production [2]

**Distribution:** Mars Distribution (FR) [3], Cinéart (BE) [4], Cinefile (UK) [5], Arsenal (DE) [6], Teodora Film (IT) [7]

**World sales:** Films Distribution [8]

**LUX Prize result:**
The LUX Prize 2009 was awarded on 25 November to the French film Welcome, directed by Philippe Lioret. It were designated by the MEPs who saw one or more films. As for previous laureates, Parliament payed to subtitle Welcome into the EU's 23 official languages and for it to be adapted for the visually or hearing impaired. It also funded the production of a 35 mm print for each Member State.

**Official website** [3]

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**Links:**
[1] https://www.youtube.com/embed/t40ANH4Pe14?autoplay=1&amp;width=500&amp;height=300&amp;iframe=true