# to the information session on the Films on the Move (call CREA-MEDIA-2024-FILMOVE)

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# Agenda of the meeting:

- Stats on previous call 2023 (total ddl1 & 2) & Key aspects new call 2024 Muharrem
- Reminders for the application process Piera
- Award criteria and relevant tips & Focus on budget –
   Gregory
- Q&A

### Total key data in 2023

- 49 proposals submitted 7% inadmissible/ineligible
- 31 proposals awarded
- 20 European SA supported
- 568 national distributors supported
- Average number of territories in grouping 18
- Total requested amount: 35M €
- Total awarded amount: 17.3M €



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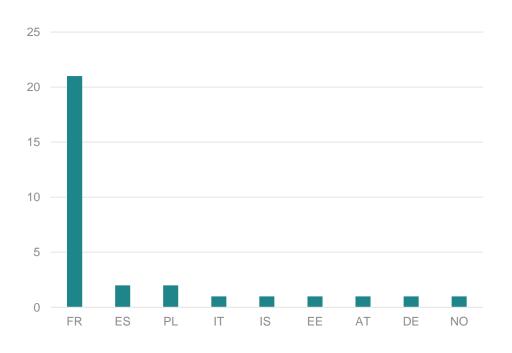
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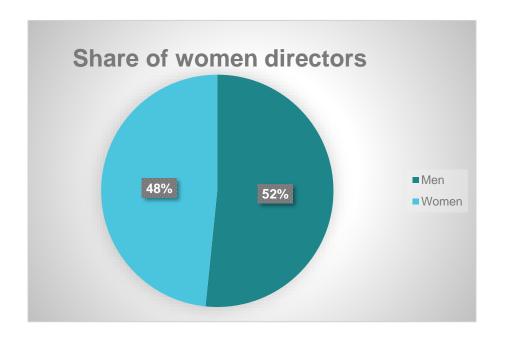
### Selected distributors (568) per country (32 territories):



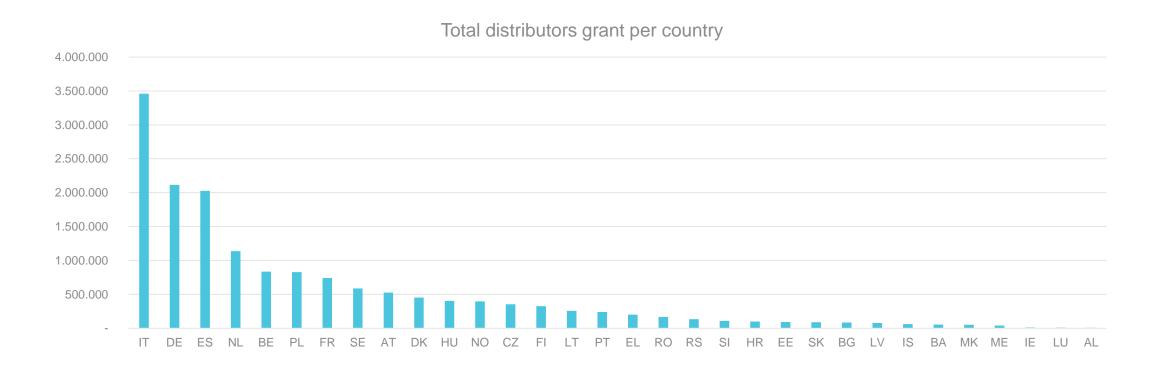
### **Film Nationality:**



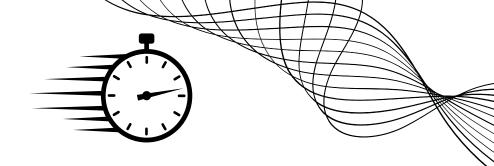
#### **Gender balance of film directors:**



### **Total grant distributors per territory:**



# **KEY ASPECTS - Timeline**



#### **Publication**

26/09/2023

#### **Deadline**

14/03/24 & 18/07/24



#### Information on evaluation results

July & December 2024

#### **Evaluation**

March – June & July – October 2024

### **Grant Agreement signature**

2/3 months after evaluation results



# **KEY ASPECTS - Details**







**Available budget: 16M €** 

Ddl1: 40%/ Ddl2:60%



(retroactivity possible if duly justified: at the earliest from the date of submission)



#### COORDINATOR

Must be established in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe Programme and owned directly or by majority participation, by nationals from such countries



#### **Earliest release date:**

10 weeks after the date of submission of application

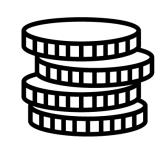
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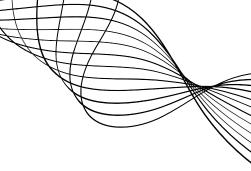
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Must be directly appointed by the producer of the submitted film by way of an international sales agreement providing for the right to sell the film in at least 15 countries participating in the MEDIA strand



# FINANCIAL MODALITIES







**Budget based (actual costs)** 



**Co-financing rate: 90%** 



**Requested amount: No** max. threshold per proposal (cost-efficiency!)



1st pre-financing: 70% Final payment: 30%





# REMINDERS FOR APPLICATIONS





# Reminder: application process

### Mandatory annexes according to the call:



- 1. International film sales agreement
- 2. Letters of intent of distributors having acquired the theatrical rights from the sales agent detailing P&A costs.
- 3. Information on Independence and Ownership and control
- 4. PDF with film(s)/work(s) information from the Creative Europe MEDIA Database



### Reminder: letters of intent

# Letters of intent of distributors having acquired the theatrical/online rights from the sales agent should mention:

- ⇒ Confirmation of the intention to release the film (theatrically and/or online)
- ⇒ Type of rights that have been acquired
- ⇒ MG paid to SA for the acquisition
- ⇒ Confirm compliance with monitoring obligations of SA in case of selection
- ⇒ Compliance with the third party support conditions of the call CREA-MEDIA-2024-FILMOVE (Section 6 - eligible activities - financial support to third parties, p.13 of the Call document)



# Reminder: third party support conditions of the call

- be established in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe Programme and owned directly or by majority participation, by nationals from such countries;
- be the holder of the theatrical and/or online distribution rights for the film in the country concerned;
- carry out the theatrical and/or online distribution of the film in the country (determine the release date, plans, controls and executes the distribution and promotion campaign);
- pay directly the associated distribution costs.



# Reminder: criteria for third party support of distributors

- ➤ Multiple territories: one letter of intention per territory and per distributor
- ➤ Attention: particular case when a Sales agent is also a distributor
  - => the coordinator cannot be a third party



# Reminder: criteria for third party support of distributors

Maximum grant allowed per category of country (Section 6 - eligible activities - financial support to third parties, p.13 of the Call document):

- Max 150.000€ for FR, ES, IT and DE
- Max 60.000€ for AT, BE, NL, PL
- Max 30.000€ for CZ, DK, FI, EL, HU, NO, PT, SE
- Max 10.000€ for all the other territories.

Maximum 70% of the forecasted P&A





# Reminder: application process – Fiche film!

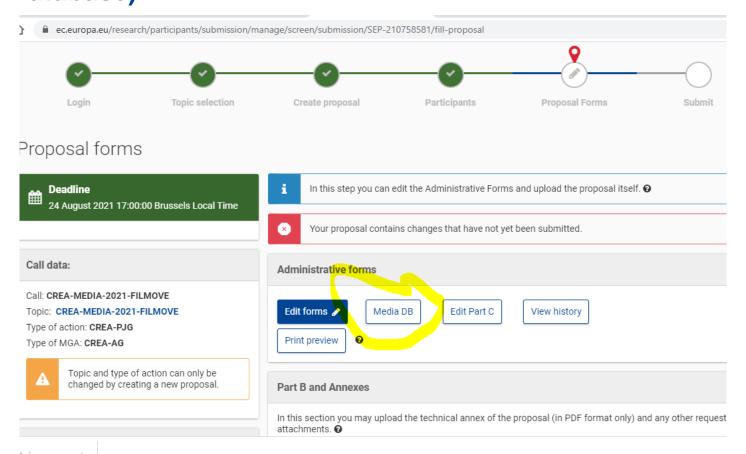
### Film Database:

- ⇒The Film Database allows to submit online all the information on the film with necessary documents to qualify it (film financing plan and main cast & crew info)
- ⇒ Even when the film is already qualified, you need to go to the film database, download the film file with the list of distributors of the grouping and upload it in the application as one of the annexes of part B



# Reminder: application process – Fiche film!

From the submission system, you need to go to the film database "Media DB" to collect one of the annexes (PDF with film/work information from the Creative Europe MEDIA Database):

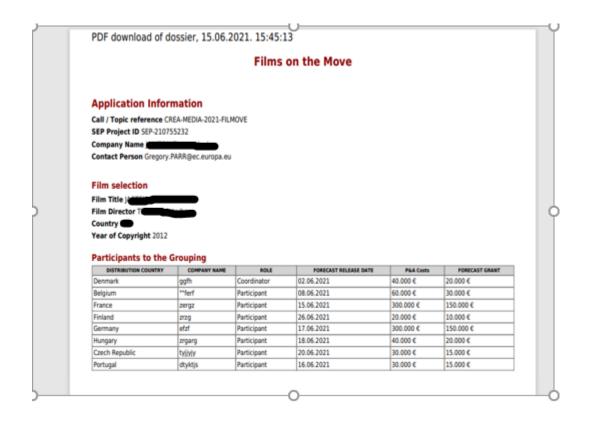


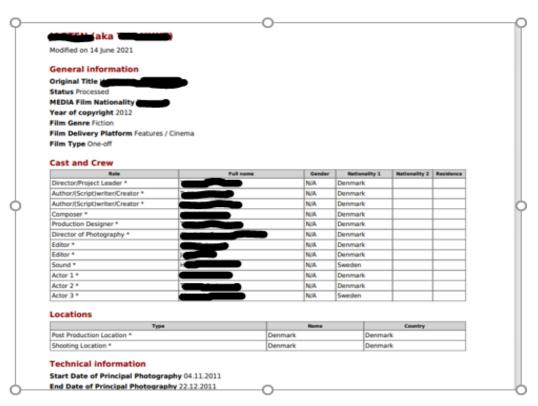




# Reminder: application process – Fiche film!

### Media DB (the film fiche annex), how does it look like?







# Reminder: work packages

A **work package** is a building block of the work breakdown structure that allows the project management to define the steps necessary for completion of the work.

- ⇒Mandatory Work Packages:
  - WP 1 Project Coordination and sales agent costs (mandatory)
  - WP 2 Support to third parties (mandatory)
- ⇒Elements: objectives, description, tasks, deliverables, milestones

A **deliverable** is a physical output related to a specific objective of the project, e.g. a report, publication, newsletter, tool, website, or conference



# Reminder: work packages

# Work Package 1 – Project Coordination and sales agent costs (mandatory)

### **Examples of Deliverables:**

Coordination activity evidence (e.g. newsletters, emails between coordinator and distributors)

Promotional material from sales agent (last international trailer, press kit...)



### WP 2 – Support to third parties (mandatory)

### **Examples of Deliverables:**

- Payment requests from third parties
- Theatrical release reports: release date and evidence, box office, ...
- VOD release reports
- Promotional material from third parties



### **Milestones:**

A milestone is a scheduled event signifying an important decision making moment or the completion of a deliverable

### **Example**

- theatrical and/or VOD releases (months): individual or cumulated
- month in which the international promotional material is finalised

Tool to follow-up the implementation through crucial moment of the life of the project

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# AWARD CRITERIA & RELEVANT TIPS FOR APPLICATIONS



# Award Criteria & Relevant Tips

- 1. Relevance: 45 points
- 2. Quality of content and activities: 30 points
- 3. Project management: 10 points
- 4. Dissemination: 15 points







### Quality threshold v. Funding threshold







### **Quality of the Grouping (10 points)**

- ➤ Track record & potential of SA on pan-European projects
- >Track record & number of distributors at national level
- >Involvement of distributors within the grouping





### **European international dimension (10 points)**

- Global strategy by the SA
- ➤ Geographic coverage: big, medium and small territories represented within the grouping (cultural and linguistic diversity, taking in account the nationality of the film)
- > Entire outreach of the project in terms of theatrical and/or online distribution (in and outside EU)
- > European dimension of the grouping & confirmed releases
- Partnerships with online platforms
- Confirmed film festivals (Festivals that are outside the support to third parties, with potential to expand the scope of the project)



### **Promotion and coordination (15 points)**

- > Level of cooperation with the production company
- Production of common material
- > Release date coordination
- Market events
- Cross-border strategies
- Use of data analytics
- Description of actions already carried out (pre-application stage)







- The adequacy of the strategies presented to ensure a more sustainable and more environmentally respectful industry (5 points);
- The adequacy of the strategies to ensure gender balance, inclusion and diversity and representativeness, either in the project/content or in the way of managing the activity (5 points)



# Award criteria 1 – Best practices

#### **ABOUT GREENING**

- Think beyond standard practices to minimize carbon print
- Elaborate a greening policy at different levels
- ✓ within the Coordinator company
- ✓ specific to the title submitted (eg during the production? in relation with the topic?)
- ✓ across the grouping: sharing of best practices and discussions





# Award criteria 1 – Best practices

### ABOUT GENDER BALANCE/DIVERSITY/INCLUSION/REPRESENTATIVENESS

- Think innovative actions beyond standard measures
- within the Coordinator company
- across the grouping
- Explain specific actions in relation to the title
- Think about inclusion/accessibility/representativeness of the title





### Award criteria 2 - Quality of content & activities (30 points)

### **Potential (10 points)**

- ➤ Quality of existing promotional material on project from SA
- >Film awards strategy
- ➤ Potential of cast and crew including director
- ➤ Consistent and realistic box-office estimates
- ➤ Cross-over potential and possibility to reach new and younger audience
- ➤ Online availability, discoverability and prominence





### Award criteria 2 - Quality of content & activities (30 points)

**National promotion strategies (10 points)** 

### **Aspects taken into account:**



Overall qualitative national strategies and consistent P&A budgets in relation with expected admissions/box-offices

Detailed strategy beyond the theatrical release (TV market targeted, VOD platforms, secondary markets)

### Award criteria 2 - Quality of content & activities (30 points)

### **Cost-effectiveness (10 points)**

- ➤ Detailed & explained economies of scale in relation with the proposed budget
- ➤ Global costs of the proposal in line with the potential of the film (total box-office expected in the grouping)
- ➤ Adequate & justified staff effort



# Award criteria 3 Project management (10 points)



- ➤ Adequacy of the methodology proposed
- Efficient delays organised to allocate the final support to distributors following approval of costs in the final report
- ➤ Clear presentation of distribution of tasks and responsibilities within the coordination team
- Agreement with third parties distributors on the applicable rules in case of selection regarding the methodology to monitor costs, regarding the allocation of the support (prefinancing), level of ensured transparency

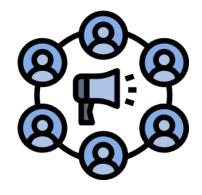
#### Award criteria 4 – Dissemination (15 points)

Impact of other activities (5 points):

**Aspects taken into account:** 

Potential additional revenues such as

- International online platform targeted
- Strategies to reach unconfirmed EU and international markets and new festivals
- ➤ In case of adaptation from a novel, edition rights
- Ancillary rights (flight rights, merchandising,...)





#### Award criteria 4 – Dissemination (15 points)

#### **Production of an international Trailer (5 points):**

A link to the international trailer is provided within the application at the submission stage (sub-titled in English)

#### **Aspects taken into account:**

- Is there an international trailer completed and ready with the link provided and accessible at the time of the submission?
- If no international trailer available at the time of submission, is it explained why?



### Award criteria 4 – Dissemination (15 points)

Dissemination of results within and outside the grouping to optimize the visibility of the EU support (5 points)

Clear commitment to comply with the visibility obligation rules regarding the presence of a logo on the promotional material (for distributors and for the Sales agent)



### DO's - planning of submission of a proposal

- ✓ Control the planning of the release and don't forget the delay of 10 weeks before the first release date
- ✓ Start drafting the SA strategy itself in relation with the award criteria
- ✓ Start collecting P&A forecasts and MEDIA grant requests from distributors, letters of intent and national strategies ASAP
- ✓ Application max 70 pages



## DO's - planning of submission of a proposal

- ✓ Pre-agree on terms and conditions with third parties in case of selection
- ✓ Try to submit the application well before the deadline to anticipate
  any technical issue before the submission stage
- ✓ Estimate an appropriate coordination cost, taking in account that you can request up to 90% of the total costs of your total budget.





#### DON'TS



- > Repetition of information from one award criteria to another one
- Copy-paste from one project to another in case of multiple application
- Leave some parts of the application incomplete / empty (especially in part B of application, regarding questions that address the award criteria)
- ➤ Add a line for the coordination costs in the annex: "PDF with film/work information from the Creative Europe MEDIA Database"
- Include links to international trailer that requires a password (as it can expire during the process of assessment)



#### Main costs financed in the call:

- Salaries Coordination costs from Sales agent "Personnel costs without volonteers")
- ▶ P&A costs from Sales agent such as marketing material, travel costs for tour talents,... "Purchase costs Other goods, works and services"
- ➤ Third party costs (grants to be provided to distributors) "Financial support to third parties"
- ➤ Indirect costs (flat fee of 7% of total direct costs)



#### Use of a "Cascading Grant":

- The Sales agent is the main beneficiary of the Grant Agreement (use of a mono-beneficiary Grant Agreement)
- ➤ Third parties (=distributors) receive a big part of the total grant from the Sales Agent to support their release costs
- > Third party grants are costs from the total budget of the Sales agent



#### **Funding principle:**

- ✓SA can receive up to 90% of the total costs, out of which a great part is allocated to the distributors for their P&A's
- ✓ The third party grant cannot exceed 70% of the national releases
  P&A

! Unconfirmed third parties (distributors) can be confirmed at the reporting stage (if any) for territories which did not provide a letter of intent but must be part of the total cost





✓DO NOT INCLUDE THE P&A of distributors to the budget of the proposal in category of costs "D1: Financial support to third parties": Only the third party grant request is included in the budget.



✓ How to build the budget & calculate the grant?

STEP 1 Calculate request for third parties (distributors):

It corresponds to max 70% of their P&A (or maximum thresholds previously defined per territories, whichever is the lowest)

#### Item D1 in the budget

Participant	Costs (n/a for Lump Sum Grants: 'European Co-development', 'European Slate development', 'European Mini-Slate development', 'TV and Online content', 'European festivals' and Videogan and immersive content development')													
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√ How to build the budget & calculate the grant?

#### STEP 2 Calculate the coordination costs (sales agent):

=> It corresponds mostly to Personnel costs and Promotion material of Sales agent

#### Items A and C.3 in the budget

Participant [name]	Co	Costs (n/a for Lump Sum Grants: "European Co-development", "European Slate development", "European Mini-Slate development", "TV and Online content", "European festivals" and "Videogame and immersive content development")														
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√STEP 2 Calculate Sales agent's coordination costs (staff costs+ SA promotion material)

Tip: based on recent observations, calculate 10-15% of the total amount of distributors grants and depending on the type of project & size of the grouping you will adjust

- + Reminder 7% overheads are calculated on all costs (automatically added in budget form)
- ⇒ The size of grant allocated to the coordination costs is the total MEDIA grant of the project minus the total grant to be paid to third parties

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#### Focus on sub-contracting costs



- ✓ ...should be maximum 30% of costs
- ✓ Subcontracting concerns the outsourcing of a part of the project to a party outside the consortium. It is not simply about purchasing goods or services.
- ✓ We normally expect that the coordinator has sufficient operational capacity to implement the project activities themselves.
- ✓ Subcontracting should therefore be exceptional. Include only subcontracts that comply with the rules (i.e. <u>best value for money and no conflict of interest; no subcontracting of coordinator tasks</u>).

### **Getting your PIC**



Your key to EU grants and tenders: the Participant Identification Code (PIC)



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