

Creative Europe MEDIA

Call for Proposals EACEA/26/2019
"Support to European Networks of Festivals"

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Action 2 - Support to European Networks of Festivals

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Deadline: 23/04/2020

Available Budget: EUR 500.000

Max. contribution: EUR 180.000

Max. co-financing rate: 80%

Budget based!



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COOPERATION & NETWORKS





OVERVIEW OF COOPERATION PRACTICES

COST-CUTTING:

- ✓ Subtitles exchange
- ✓ DCPs storing; sharing; transport
- ✓ Exchanging accreditations
- Sharing service providers (screening and sound equipment)

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CROSS-PROMOTION:

- Distribution of partners promotional material
- ✓ Ads in partners catalogues
- Cross-visibility on websites and social media channels
- Promotion of each other's calls for projects

KNOWLEDGE SHARING:

- ✓ Exchange of expertise
- ✓ Exchange of contacts
- Masterclasses, training sessions
- ✓ Panels, roundtables, seminars/conference
- Joint film research and publications
- ✓ Cross-visits
- Collaboration on educational material



OVERVIEW OF COOPERATION PRACTICES

MOBILITY OF THE AUDIENCES AND PROFESSIONALS:

- Cross-border student exchange
- ✓ Internships / volunteer exchange
- Jury members exchange (including young jury members)
- ✓ Joint artistic residencies
- ✓ Shared mentors
- ✓ Shared talent scouts

CIRCULATION OF WORKS:

- ✓ Programme exchange
- ✓ Joint Awards
- √ Simultaneous screenings
- ✓ Joint film databases/online libraries/travelling exhibition
- ✓ Co-production of shorts
- ✓ Distribution
- √ 'Focus on..' country, specific sections

INNOVATION AND DIGITAL:

- Co-working on VOD platforms
- Collaborative online administrative tools
- Joint DCP's server, interactive children platform



NETWORKS: WAYS OF COOPERATION

- ✓ BY TYPE OF FILM FESTIVALS
 - Short, Documentary, children film, Animation etc.
- ✓ BY FOCUS OF COLLABORATION
 - Geographical (CEE, regional, peripheral)
 - 100% European films
 - Green and sustainability
 - Educational
 - Human rights
 - Disabilities, films in hospitals etc.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Reinforce **sustainability** of European networks of festivals aiming to enhance cooperation among members through **joint activities strategies**

Increase the effectiveness and professionalization of European networks of festivals to increase promotion and circulation of European films to growing audiences across Europe

Foster exchange of knowledge and good practices, achieve economies of scale and resource efficiency in a digital context



TARGETED PROJECTS

- European Networks of Festivals
- taking place in countries participating in the MEDIA Subprogramme
- aiming to further develop effective collaboration and partnerships across borders and
- to elaborate strategies for joint activities in order to expand interest for European audiovisual works

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

A Network of min. 4 eligible festivals a coordination entity + min. 3 members from different MEDIA participating countries!



- Eligible Festival = min: 70% European Programming; 50% nonnational; 15 countries
- Coordination entity submits the application and represent the members of the network
- Letters of intent from members to be provided



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Coordination of the network members and activities relating to its sustainable structured development

- Provision of financial support to members of the network for the implementation of joint activities (max. amount EUR 30,000)



1. Relevance (30/100)

- Clarity and relevance of the scope of the network (10 points)
- Relevance of the network strategy to reach a structured effective and sustainable coordination including economies of scale and resource efficiency (10 points)
- Added-value of the scope of the network beyond the sole interest of the members (10 points

2. Quality of the content and activities (30/100)

- Quality, clarity and robustness of the strategies for joint activities (10 points)
- Potential of the strategies for joint activities to increase the interest of audiences in European audiovisual works (10 points)
- Cost-efficiency of the working arrangements in terms of appropriate allocation of the budget and human resources (10 points)

3. Dissemination of project results impact and sustainability (20/100)

- Efficiency of the mechanisms to communicate among the members and share knowledge and best practices (10 points)
- Efficiency and adequacy of the strategy to disseminate network results of joint activities (10 points)

4. Quality of the network (20)

- Geographical coverage within the network (10 points)
- Coherence and complementarity of the coordination entity and member teams in terms of distribution of the roles and responsibilities in the joint activities (10 points)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Identifiable as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action (NETWORK ACTIVITIES)
- Incurred directly by the Coordinator
- Costs incurred directly by the Member of the Network are not to be included in the budget

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- The Coordinator can allocate **support** to each member (**max.** EUR 30,000)
- This support depends on the level of costs undertaken directly by each member
- This support will be documented with invoice(s) from the member to the Coordinator & a specific reporting budget

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The Coordinator can foresee costs concerning the Members (e.g. in relation with travel, accomodation) only IF:

- these costs are directly paid by and invoiced to the Coordinator AND
- benefit to all the members

FINANCING PLAN

- The direct monetary contribution from the applicant Coordinator (own resources);
- The contribution from the Members (revenue from membership/contribution from Members of the Network)
- The financial contribution from other fund providers (public and/or private).

ROUNDTABLES & WORKSHOPS

Why? The aim of workshops and roundtables is to showcase good examples of collaboration and networking; encourage festivals to create collaborative networks across borders in order to address fragmentation of the European market; shape MEDIA support according to meaningful collaboration models.

When?

- 12 February 2017, Berlin
- 17 February 2018, Berlin
- 9 February 2019, Berlin including presentation of the report "Mapping of Collaboration Models among Film Festivals"
- 19 August 2019, Sarajevo



ROUNDTABLES & WORKSHOPS

- Festivals are trend-setters in several areas: supporting talents; film education; innovation for audience development events.
- Festivals collaborate on: film education; profesionalisation of festivals, including sharing staff, know-how, technology; audience development and also with other players throughout the value chain (with cinemas and VOD platforms).
- Finding partnerships and collaborations is already among the festivals' priorities.
- One of the main threats for festivals is finding and attracting new audiences, especially young audiences and fighting the competition from streaming platforms. Promotion and "clever programming" play a crucial role for festivals' success.

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Q&A

FAQ: ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES



Shall all the members of the network **comply with eligibility criteria** or only the coordinator?



Is there a minimum requirement in terms of **years of existence** for the network?



Can the same festival **apply for both** network support (Action 2) as well as individual support (Action 1)?



Would it be advisable for a festival **to be involved in several** Network proposals?



FAQ: ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Could a meeting between the network members (taking place during one of the festivals) be eligible?



How to distinguish **stand-alone activity** of the festival **vs joint activity** of the network?



Cascading grant: what happens to the direct costs directly incurred by the Member?



FAQ: RELEVANCE OF THE NETWORK



Should particular attention be paid at representation of LPCC and MPCC within the network?



And what about **regional networks**? Will the network be considered less relevant due to its limited **geographical coverage**?



QUESTIONS AND DEBATE?!

