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MEDIA 2007 — DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, PROMOTION AND TRAINING

Call for Proposals — EACEA/17/09

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1. Objectives and Description

This notice of a Call for Proposals is based on Decision No 1718/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 concerning the implementation of a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007).

The measures covered by the Decision include the development of production projects.

The objective of this support is to facilitate independent European Production companies' access to funding from banks and financial institutions, by co financing part of the costs of:

- Insurance for audiovisual productions: Module 1 — Support the 'Insurance' item in a production budget.
- Completion guarantee for the production of an audiovisual work: Module 2 — Support for the item 'Completion Guarantee' in a production budget.
- Bank financing for the production of a work: Module 3 — Support for the item 'Financial Costs' in a production budget.

2. Eligible candidates

This Call for Proposals is aimed at European companies whose activities contribute to the achievement of the above objectives and in particular independent audiovisual production companies.

Applicants must be registered in one of the following countries:

- The 27 countries of the European Union.
- Countries of the European Economic Area.
- Countries fulfilling the terms set out in Article 8 of Decision 1718/2006/EC including Switzerland and Croatia.

3. Eligible actions

The audiovisual work submitted:

- Must be a fiction, animation, or creative documentary majority produced by companies registered in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA Programme.
- Must be produced with the significant participation of professionals who are nationals/residents of countries participating in the MEDIA programme.

The maximum duration of the projects is 30 months.

This Call for Proposals concerns projects that start between 1.7.2009-7.7.2010.

4. Award criteria

Eligible applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Projects benefiting from MEDIA Development Single Project for big countries and/or Slate Funding for countries with low Audiovisual capacity: 10 points

Projects with a credit agreement: 10 points

Projects from countries with low Audiovisual capacity: 10 points

Projects from the new Member States and the enlargement countries: 5 points

Projects with a European dimension: co-produced by more than one country participating in the MEDIA Programme: 3 points

Within the limits of the budget available projects with the maximum points on the basis of the above table will be awarded a grant.

In the event that, at the conclusion of the above process, more than one project has the same number of points the following criteria will be examined for those projects only:

Co-production covering more than one country participating in the MEDIA Programme: 1 point per country

Within the limits of the budget available projects with the maximum points on the basis of the above table will be awarded a grant.

In the event that at the conclusion of the above process more than one project has the same number of points the following criteria will be examined for those projects only:

International distribution potential: 0-5 points

5. Budget and duration of the projects

The total budget available is EUR 3 million. The financial contribution may not exceed 50 % — (60 %) of the eligible costs. The amount of the support is between EUR 5 000 and EUR 50 000. The maximum amount of support is limited to EUR 50 000 per project.

6. Deadline

Applications for this Call for Proposals must be submitted at the latest by:

— 5 February 2010, for projects that start between 1 July 2009 and 5 February 2010,

— 7 July 2010, for projects that start between 1 January 2010 and 7 July 2010.

Applications must be sent to:

Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Call for Proposals EACEA/17/09
Mr. Constantin Daskalakis
BOUR 3/30
Avenue du Bourget 1
1140 Bruxelles/Brussel
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Only applications that are submitted using the correct form, duly completed and dated, and signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation, will be accepted.

Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

7. Further Information

The guidelines and application forms of this Call for Proposals may be found on the internet: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/i2i/index_en.htm

Applications must respect the guidelines for this Call for Proposals and be submitted using the relevant application forms.
