

screen.brussels academy – 14 nov 2023

AGENDA



- Why adapt our rules for applying
- What are the adaptation
- Other points of attention
- Funding application deadlines 2024
- Online form adaptations & tips
- **Q&A**

WHY ADAPT OUR RULES FOR APPLYING?



- We probably are the most requested regional fund
- Our budget is slightly reduced to 3 M
- We need to focus on our DNA
- We need a clear positioning
- ☐ You and your partners need to understand our positioning and our constraints



- Economic eligibility criteria
 - ☐ Min 50 % (40%) of the overall financing confirmed for feature film, series, documentary
 - ☐ Min 60 % of the overall financing confirmed for special formats: XR, video games and audio content (podcast, audiobooks...)
 - → Min 80 % for web series
 - ☐ Minimum of eligible spend are without VAT and unforeseen costs
 - Min 250 000 € of eligible spend for feature film and series of minimum 10' per episode
 - Min 75 000 € of eligible spend for documentary, XR and video games
 - ☐ Min 45 000 € of eligible spend for series less than 10' / episode
 - Min 30 000 € of eligible spend for audio content

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■ Jury assessment criteria

- □ Social and cultural added value 3% (4%)
- □ Production team and co-producers, directors, casting 7 % (6%)
- □ Funding plan 15 % (20 %)
- Economic and structuring aspects 75 % (70%)
- Eco Bonus 2 %
- □ Total 102 %



■ Social and cultural added value

3 points

In terms of script quality, subject of the project

Production team, directors, casting

7 points

- Professionalism and track record of the applicant and the coproducers
- Quality of the coproduction contract, reciprocity...
- Quality and appeal of the director/head of animation
- Quality and appeal of the casting for fiction/characters and of the subject for animation/documentary subject/immersive experience/concept for special formats,



- Funding plan
 15 points
 - Quality of financing contracts linked to sales: distribution, sales, commercial potential..
 - Percentage of funding acquired
 - Financial and/or strategic importance of funding from screen.brussels in the Belgian budget
 - Financial return potential and repayment capacity



Economic and structuring aspects

75 points

- Investment-eligible expenditure ratio
- Amount (in absolute terms) of eligible expenditure
- Amount (in absolute terms) of non-eligible expenditure
- Impact on the Brussels production company
- Impact on the Brussels film crew
- Impact on the Brussels service providers
- Number of days of filming or animation in the Brussels-Capital Region
- Impact on the Brussels-Capital Region in terms of territorial marketing
 - the action takes place in whole or in part in the Brussels-Capital Region;
 - exterior and/or interior shots of Brussels will be identifiable on screen;
 - animation "made in Brussels Animation Valley";
 - potential for media exposure and international distribution;
 - potential in Category A Festivals
 - ...



☐ Eco Bonus 2 points

Reminder: from June 2022, 2 bonus points can be awarded:

- 1 point if the production company can attest to the presence and action of an eco-advisor to accompany the project;
- 1 point if the production company has been granted the Brussels-Capital Region's Ecodynamic label or another equivalent label for those located in Wallonia or Flanders.

OTHER POINTS OF ATTENTION



- Talk to us at least 1 week before the application deadline;
- Read carefully the rules and pay attention to our positioning before writing your producer's note:
 - Explain the genesis of the project, who initiated it, how the co-production was set up, why Belgium, why Brussels?
 - Impact on your production company
 - Impact on the Brussels film crew
 - Impact on the Brussels service providers
 - Number of days of filming or animation in the Brussels-Capital Region
 - Impact on the Brussels-Capital Region in terms of territorial marketing
 - If it's a second application of the same project, give a description of the <u>new elements</u> justifying this second presentation.

OTHER POINTS OF ATTENTION



- Evaluate the expenditure that are not eligible;
- Supporting documents for agreements and financing indicated as "confirmed" in the application must be quantified, dated and signed;

Rem: you can send additional documents up to <u>1 week after the deadline</u> BUT, the application must meet ALL the eligibility criteria at the time of the submission.

- ☐ It's mandatory to use <u>our template</u> for the financing plan and the summary budget
- □ Detailed budget: <u>your template</u> + eligible expense in Brussels + non eligible expenses + expenses elsewhere in Belgium + expenses abroad

OTHER POINTS OF ATTENTION



☐ Contracts between production and screen.brussels must be signed at the latest 3 months after the decision and before the 24th Decembre for the last session of the year;

FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES 2024



☐ Session 24

☐ Submission: Friday 12th January

□ Decision: Friday 23rd February

☐ Session 25

☐ Submission Friday 31st May

■ Decision Tuesday 9Th July

☐ Session 26

☐ Submission Friday 13th September

☐ Decision Tuesday 22nd October

ONLINE FORM – WHAT'S NEW?



- ☐ The new economic criteria are integrated
- People linked to the same company can <u>read</u> all the fund requests
- Possibility to <u>duplicate</u> a request form (the title must be adapted)

ONLINE FORM – TIPS TO MAKE IT EASIER



- ☐ Spread the word (ask partners & crew to subscribe our database <u>first</u>)
- Read the signs (rules include bullet points for your consideration)
- Chi va piano va sano (do one thing at a time, save regularly)
- In case something goes wrong (log out/login but don't enter new info)



Q&A time