

Program bullet points

GERMAN FILMS DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT:

- **Funding program** established in 2005 for foreign distributors releasing a recent German feature or documentary film in cinema
- € 50.000 maximum support per film per country as a **conditionally repayable loan**, whose repayment depends on a success of the film in the cinema / funding up to € 10.000 may also be given as a **grant subsidy**
- **Distributor's own share** must be at least 50 % of total distribution costs
- A **committee** decides on the applications and defines repayment thresholds (based on admission figures) of conditionally repayable loans
- **Annual budget** for 2021: € 890.000

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Full payment of **minimum guarantee**, signed **long form agreement**
- Funding must be used for **additional promotion measures**
- Support of **co-productions**: The film must be majority German financed co-production, possess a German certificate of origin and must have been produced with majority of German members of cast and crew as well as a significant German cultural imprint
- With conditionally repayable loans: film must be sold theatrically to at least 4 **territories**
- **Time limit**: Application deadline at the latest 2 months before the release of the film / applications have to be complete and correct by then (additional deadlines referring to the committee-meetings on our website)

OBLIGATIONS:

- The subsidized film's **theatrical release** should take place at the date specified in the application. When a postponement is inevitable, the start has to take place within the year of the originally scheduled release date or within six months after the application's acceptance if the release was originally planned for the first half of the year, at the latest.
- The **final accounting** concerning all distribution costs is due 2 months after the release / applicants whose film releases in November or December have to render the account no later than 4 weeks after the release date
- Reports about **admission figures/gross receipts** by the end of every month during the film's exploitation in cinemas
- **Repayment**: conditionally repayable loans must be repaid 4 weeks after reaching a repayment threshold
- **Documentation that has to be handed in 2 months after the release date**: all advertising material in digital form, one exploitation report with critics etc. for German Films
- **German Films must be named as a subsidizing body** in all media and the logo of German Films must be shown on all printings / if the subsidy amounts to € 50.000 all prints must display the logo of German Films and a notation indicating German Films as a subsidizing body in the main titles