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**BRUSSELS CO-PRODUCTION FORUM - 4TH EDITION
CALL FOR PROJECTS**

The Brussels co-production forum will take place for the 4th time during the Brussels International Film Festival (20.06 > 29.06.2019). The Brussels co-production forum is an initiative that aims to promote partnerships between European and Belgian producers, as well as support and train a young generation of producers in the development of their first projects.

The 4th edition of Brussels co-production forum will take place on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of June 2019.

I. PRESENTATION & ORGANISATION

The Brussels co-production forum has two sections :

- The first section aims to train and help a new generation of producers to get into the development of their project through business meetings and training workshops. (p.3)
- The second section focuses on *gap financing* with producers who are looking for an additional Belgian budget for their feature film project. (p.4)

English will be the working language during the co-production forum. Therefore, a good level of English is advised for anyone willing to participate in the forum.

Please find below the call for projects and eligibility criteria related to each section.

The forum is organised as follow :

Monday 24.06

9am - 11am : Young producers pitching session

Each project will have a chance to screen the work-in-progress and to pitch the film and its specific needs. Each project will have 12 minutes (included screening of work-in-progress and questions).

The producers are asked to prepare their intervention in order to provide a clear presentation of their project and facilitate one-to-one meetings.

11am - 12.30pm : 1st conference

12.30pm - 2pm : Lunch

2pm - 4pm : Gap financing pitching session

As for the young producers' section, project will have a chance to screen the work-in-progress and to pitch the film and its specific needs. Each project will have 12 minutes (included screening of work-in-progress and questions).

The producers are asked to prepare their intervention in order to provide a clear presentation of their project and facilitate one-to-one meetings.

4pm - 6pm : One-to-one meetings (30 minutes)

6pm : Cocktail

Tuesday 25.06

9am -10am : 2nd conference

10.30am - 12.30pm : One-to-one meetings

12.30pm - 2pm : Lunch

2pm - 5pm : One-to-one meetings

5pm - 6pm : 3rd conference

6pm : Cocktail

1. YOUNG PRODUCERS SECTION

The young producers section offers a unique professional experience with one-to-one meetings between project promoters and producers looking for a project to co-produce and a training part consisting of workshops and conferences.

A maximum of 10 projects (7 international and 3 Belgian projects) will be selected to take part in the forum.

The producers of selected projects will be invited to present their projects to an audience of potential co-producers and participate to training sessions and conferences :

- * Presentation and explanation of available funds in Europe
- * Panorama of main professionals international meetings and their specific features
- * Workshop on development of a marketing strategy

The invitation includes a travel grant, hotel accommodation, meals and a free accreditation to the Brussels International Film Festival.

The **selected projects will be announced over April** to foreign and Belgian producers, broadcasters, who are invited to secure attendance to the pitching session and one-to-one meetings.

If selected, producers will have the opportunity to:

- Pitch their project in front of Belgian and European producers looking for partnerships.
- Have individuals meetings with a great number of professionals.
- Build contacts to find public and private funding for their projects in case of an agreement.
- Participate in training sessions and conferences with experts regarding the development of their project.
- Take part in the Brussels International Film Festival.

Applicants & eligibility criteria

May apply :

- Producers developing a first or second feature film project.
- Producers whose company is located in one **of member countries of Creative Europe Programme** (European Union + Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Tunisia) or in Quebec.

Only projects respecting the following eligibility criteria will be considered:

- The project is a feature film project. All genre are accepted (animation, fiction, documentary)
- The duration of the project is 70 minutes minimum
- The project must justify at least one support in the country of origin (ex : writing, development, production fund etc.)
- The project is suitable or intended for co-production

Any producer applying with a project formally commits to attend the forum in Brussels in case of selection.

2. GAP FINANCING SECTION

The specific feature of this section is that the selected projects will be looking for a Belgian minority co-producer. Foreign producers looking for a Belgian co-producer are invited to submit their projects.

A maximum of 10 projects will be selected to take part in this section.

The producers of the selected projects will be invited to present their projects to an audience of potential co-producers. The invitation includes a travel grant, hotel accommodation, meals and a free accreditation to the Brussels International Film Festival.

The **selected projects will be announced over April** to Belgian producers, broadcasters, who are invited to secure attendance to the pitching session and one-to-one meetings.

If selected, producers will have the opportunity to:

- Pitch their project in front of Belgian producers looking for partnerships.
- Have individuals meetings with a great number of professionals.
- Build contacts to find public and private funding for their projects in case of an agreement.
- Take part in the Brussels International Film Festival.

Applicants & eligibility criteria

May apply :

- Foreign producers developing a feature film and looking for a Belgian co-producer in minority.
- Foreign producers whose company is located in one **of member countries of Creative Europe Programme** (European Union + Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Tunisia) or in Quebec.

Only projects respecting the following eligibility criteria will be considered:

- The project is a feature film. All genre are accepted (animation, fiction, documentary).
- The duration of the project is 70 minutes minimum.
- Only films with at least 25% of the budget secured are eligible.
- The project is looking for a Belgian financing of 100 000€ minimum.
- The project is suitable or intended for a co-production with Belgium.

The selection committee will also be sensitive to projects showing an ability to: outlaying maximum of the Belgian financing received in Belgium ; and/or shoot or post-produce a part of the film in Brussels or in Belgium; and/or hire Belgian executives.

Any producer applying with a project formally commits to attend the forum in Brussels in case of selection.

II. HOW TO SEND THE APPLICATION?

Eligible producers of both section must **send their application by email at forum@briff.be no later than April, 8th 2019**. Applications shall be sent as **1 single pdf** file containing the entry form carefully filled out, with all other additional documents required. Incomplete applications or ineligible projects will not be considered.

Projects will be reviewed and selected by a selection committee of industry professionals. All participants will be informed of the list of selected projects for Brussels co-production forum over April 2019.

The organisation is at the disposal of applicants for any question regarding their application.

III. INVITATION FOR PRODUCERS

Producers of selected projects in both section will be invited to Brussels to pitch their project. The invitation is **available for one producer only** and will include:

- A 300€ travel grant
- 3 hotel nights and meals (Arrival Sunday 23 June – Departure Wednesday 26 June 2019)
- An accreditation to the Brussels International Film Festival.

CONTACTS

Brussels International Film Festival – www.briff.be

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