

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL | BRIFF

BRUSSELS CO-PRODUCTION FORUM GAP FINANCING SESSIONS RULES & REGULATIONS

I. PRESENTATION & ORGANISATION

The **Brussels Co-Production Forum** is an initiative that aims at supporting promising feature films in development and connecting them with potential partners. It is divided in two different sections : the **Gap Financing Sessions** and **UP: Up-and-coming Producers**. The 6th Brussels Co-Production Forum will take place during the Brussels International Film Festival (23.06 > 02.07.2022), on Wednesday, June 29th and Thursday, June 30th, 2022.

The **Gap Financing Sessions** was designed as a platform to promote partnerships between European and Belgian producers. At the heart of the European Union, and with a variety of potential investors, Belgium's film professionals have a valuable expertise to provide for European producers in search of a co-producer.

Music & Cinema Award - In partnership with the Festival International du Film MUSIC & CINEMA in Marseille:

Producers looking for a composer to develop an original score for their project can apply to the **Music & Cinema Award** as well.

The award will be granted during the Brussels Co-Production Forum and the awarded project will automatically be selected to be part of the European Market for Film Music Composition of the Festival International du Film MUSIC & CINEMA.

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

IMPORTANT: *Given the special and unpredictable circumstances occurring internationally due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the BRIFF organization advises all applicants of the possibility that, if the festival and its activities cannot be held under normal circumstances, it could be postponed, canceled or held in a different format than the foreseen. In the event that one of the previous situations occurs and should the circumstances modify the regulations in any way, all participants will be advised as soon as possible.*

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II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS

May apply:

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

Only projects respecting the following requirements will be considered:

- The project is a feature film. All genres are accepted (animation, fiction and documentary).
- The duration of the project is of minimum 70 minutes.
- Only films with at least 25% of the budget secured, including one support in the country of origin (e.g.: writing, development, production fund etc.), are eligible;
OR Only producers with at least two films produced and released in movie theatres are eligible.
- The project provides for an outlay in Belgium of a minimum of 350 000€.
- The project is suitable or intended for a co-production with Belgium.
- The project is intended for theatrical release.

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

III. HOW TO SEND THE APPLICATION?

IMPORTANT: All required documents (entry form and additional documents) **must be provided in English.**

The following documents and information will be required along with the entry form:

1. Full script (**OR**, if the script hasn't been completed yet: **a treatment of max. 15 pages**)
2. Director's picture and CV
3. Director's note of intent (*optional*, **max. 1 page**)
4. Producer's picture and CV
5. Producer's note (motivation, strategy, co-production needs, co-production vision, etc. ; **max. 2 pages**) – **use annex 1**
6. Filmography and logo of the production company
7. Detailed budget (in €). Please specify which financing has been secured and which is still in progress - **use annex 2**
8. Proof of funding granted by third party organisation (confirmation notice, letter, etc.)
9. Video link to previous works (*if available*)
10. **Specific requirements regarding the Music & Cinema Award:** tick the appropriate box on the entry form and add a note of musical intent.

Please note that a full script is important to be considered for this award.

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Eligible producers must **send their application by email at forum@briff.be no later than **March 14th, 2022****. 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.

IV. SELECTION PROCESS & ANNOUNCEMENT

A maximum of 8 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 and financial partners.

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 both sections of the **Brussels Co-Production Forum** in April 2022.

The selection committee reserves the right to select a project in another section than the one applied for, according to the project's specificities.

V. INVITATION FOR FOREIGN PRODUCERS

The invitation is **available for one producer only** and will include:

- A 200€ travel grant
- 3 hotel nights and meals (Arrival Tuesday, June 28th - Departure Friday, July 1st 2022)
- An accreditation to the Brussels International Film Festival.

CONTACT

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