

**AGREEMENT**  
**ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVITY ON DEVELOPMENT OF CO-PRODUCTION**  
**PROJECTS BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMANY**

**Agreement**

between

**Ministry of Cultural Heritage Activities and Tourism (MiBACT)**

Directorate General for Cinema

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and

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**Preamble**

In the past years Italian and German film professionals have taken initiatives to work together. In order to encourage the cooperation of Italian and German producers the Ministry of Cultural Heritage Activities and Tourism, Directorate General for Cinema (MiBACT) and the German Federal Film Board (FFA), – hereinafter – parties, have agreed to support the co-development of film projects with the potential to develop into high quality films that will attract audiences in both countries and the rest of the world.

- a) The Parties agree to establish a programme to support the co-development of projects with the intention to increase the collaboration between producers in both countries and thus the number of Italian-German co-productions.
- b) The annual budget which the parties are ready to direct to the support of the development of co-production projects between Germany and Italy is up to 100.000 Euros (50% provided by MiBACT and 50% by the FFA).
- c) The contribution of each fund will be made available on the accounts of the parties to the agreement. The total spending amount per year by each party will depend on the project selection.
- d) The Financial support assigned is subject to Regulation no. 1998/2006 of the European Commission of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2006, in compliance with articles 87 and 88 of the European Treaty concerning *de minimis* constraints. By reason of this regulation, the same beneficiary cannot receive more than EUR 200.000 Euros during 3 consecutive fiscal years.

## 2.

Eligible for funding are projects for the development into a full-length feature film of high quality and with commercial potential for cinema. Support can be granted for all genres (live action films, documentaries, animation).

## 3.

- a) It is essential that at least two producers, one from Italy and one from Germany cooperate to develop a project. The producers must operate in accordance with the German legislation (Federal Film Subsidy Law and the respective guidelines) and respectively with the Italian legislation and the guidelines of MiBACT.
- b) The majority co-producer is responsible for the application process and applies to the partner institution in the applicable country and sends a copy of the entire application to the partner institution, as indicated in the application form.

- c) The majority co-producer is defined as the producer with the main contribution to the budget of the development costs. The majority co-producer is the administrative recipient of the support.
- d) The funding amount per project can be between 10.000 Euros and a maximum of 30.000 Euros.
- e) There should be a minimum contribution of the producers of at least 20% to the total development costs.

#### **4.**

Decisions in pursuance of this Agreement will be taken by a commission called "German Italian Commission for the support of development" which consists of at least two representative of each party to this agreement. The representatives will be the CEOs of the parties and/or persons appointed by them. Decisions should be made unanimously. Decision making sessions should be held at least once a year.

#### **5.**

The details of the application procedure are set out in the application guidelines, in a separate document. The guidelines have to be approved and confirmed by all parties before release.

#### **6.**

The parties will provide detailed information and application forms on their respective websites.

#### **7.**

After this agreement is signed the parties will agree on a date on which they will begin their work on the realization of the program to support the development of co-production projects between Italy and Germany. The date is to be published on their respective websites.

**8.**

This agreement may be terminated by each party. The termination must be in writing to the other partners and will become effective at the beginning of the respective following year.

**9.**

Unless the Agreement has been terminated by a partner before there must be an evaluation of the funding results after 3 years of operating.

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