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South Adriatic Co-Development Film Fund

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Overview

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The South Adriatic
Co-Development
Film Fund is an activity
funded under
Interreg FRAME project



Call launched
on 19/02/2026
by AFC



Application deadline:
60 days from call
publication



Mandatory
co-production
between at least
2 companies
(1 from IPA countries
+ 1 from Italy)

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Fund Objectives

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- Co-produce high-quality cinematographic works
- Encourage creative potential of authors
- Increase attractiveness of territories as locations
- Enhance South Adriatic heritage
- Improve access to international partnerships

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Financial Allocation

Total Budget

€ 160.000

Maximum Grant

€ 20.000

per project

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Who Can Apply

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- SMEs in audiovisual sector (ATECO/NACE code 59.11)
- Established in Italy, Albania or Montenegro
- Italian companies: entire national territory eligible
- Mandatory co-production: at least 2 companies (1 IPA + 1 Italy)



Co-Production Partnership

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- One producer acts as Lead Applicant (submits application)
- Lead Applicant holds majority of exploitation rights (contracts, options, licences)
- Lead Applicant: minimum 40% of total budget
- Co-producer: minimum 15% of total budget
- Multiple co-producers: minimum 15% (overall share) of total budget

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Partnership rules

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- Lead Applicant submits application
- Each enterprise may submit only **ONE** application
- Cannot participate in multiple projects (as Lead or co-producer)
- Co-production agreement (or equivalent) must be provided
- Budget distribution proportional to contribution

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Main Requirements

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- Formal registration and sectoral activity (59.11)
- Financial soundness (no undertakings in difficulty)
- Tax and social security compliance
- Compliance with health and safety regulations

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Eligible Work Types

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CINEMA

Fiction min. 52 min

TV SERIES

Min. 120 min total

DOC

Creative documentaries min. 52 min

ANIMATION

2D/3D/stop-motion min. 52 min

Project Requirements

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Works must meet at least **ONE** of the following:

- Setting: at least 80% in Albania, Montenegro, Molise or Puglia
- Authorial origin: written/co-written by authors from those territories
- Cultural adaptation: based on literary work from an author from those territories

Albania, Montenegro, Molise and Puglia = Eligible territory of Interreg IPA South Adriatic Programme

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Funded Phases

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Fund covers **exclusively development and pre-production:**

- Rights acquisition, screenplay writing
- Location scouting in South Adriatic territories
- Participation in workshops and training courses

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Eligible Activities (continued)

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- Participation in international co-production forums
- Specialized creative and narrative consultancy
- Production feasibility studies and preliminary budgets
- Territorial research: historical, cultural, anthropological

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Eligible Cost Categories

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- Authors, creatives and professional services
- Site visits and territorial research (travel and accommodation)
- Training courses in writing and development
- Co-production forums and international markets

Costs must be traceable, verifiable and compliant!

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Grant intensity

100%

of eligible costs

min. € 5.000

up to max € 20.000 per project

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Disbursement Methods

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1st Instalment

50% of grant

After financial report of 50% expenses

2nd Instalment

50% final balance

After final report of 100% expenses

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Important Deadlines

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Application Submission

60 days from publication

20 April 2:00 PM CET

Activity Completion

February 28, 2027

Possible extension until April/June 2027



Mandatory Documentation (1/2)

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- a) Application for funding (Annex 1)
- b) Declaration of eligibility requirements (Annex 2) – Lead Applicant + Co-Producer(s)
- c) Rights assignment contracts
- d) Co-production agreement or letter of intent
- e) Company profile of all partners
- f) ID Legal Representatives

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Mandatory Documentation (2/2)

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- g) Technical description of work (synopsis, treatment, etc.)
- h) Story and/or treatment
- i) ISAN or EIDR code
- j) Development plan and timeline
- k) Detailed budget for development and pre-production
- l) Production notes

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Optional Documentation

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- m) Screenwriters' filmography
- n) CVs and contacts of authors and professionals already engaged
- o) Contracts and letters of intent
- p) Letters of interest from main cast
- q) Supplementary visual materials

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Evaluation criteria

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- Narrative and creative quality (25 points)
- Territorial connection with South Adriatic (20 points)
- Project feasibility and budget (20 points)
- Commercial and distribution potential (10 points)
- Quality of co-production proposal (15 points)
- Experience and track record of partners (10 points)

Minimum score: 70/100

International Evaluation Committee

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Beneficiary obligations

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- Mandatory participation in Apulia Film Forum 2027
- Mandatory participation in Balkan Film Market 2027
- Inclusion of official logos in materials
- Document retention for 7 years

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Post-financing monitoring

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Beneficiaries are subject to monitoring for 3 years:

- Annual progress report
- Communication of progress towards production
- Maintenance of ownership of developed materials

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How to apply (Lead Applicant)

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Italian Companies

PEC to

progetti@pec.apuliafilmcommission.it

Albanian/Montenegrin Companies

Email to

email@apuliafilmcommission.it

Deadline
20 April 2026
2:00 PM CET

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Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

- Clarification requests no later than 20 days prior to the call's deadline to cristina.piscitelli@apuliafilmcommission.it
- Answers to eventual questions will be published on the website www.apuliafilmcommission.it in the specific section related to the public call

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Why Participate

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- 100% coverage of development and pre-production costs
- Access to international network
- Visibility in prestigious forums and markets

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Q&A?

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THANK YOU!

Find your partners and apply!

<https://www.apuliafilmcommission.it/bandiefornitori/ipa-south-adriatic-co-development-film-fund/>

