

APPENDIX 1
to the AGREEMENT
**ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVITY ON DEVELOPMENT OF CO-
PRODUCTION PROJECTS BETWEEN GERMANY AND RUSSIA**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Preamble

During the last years German and Russian film professionals have taken initiatives to work together. In order to encourage the cooperation of producers in Russia and those in Germany, the German Federal Film Board (FFA), the Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg (MBB), the Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung (MDM) and Russian Cinema Fund (RCF) have agreed to support the development of film projects that have the potential to develop into high quality films that will attract audiences in both countries and in Europe.

In accordance with the signed Agreement on the organization of activity on development of co-production projects between Germany and Russia the following application guidelines shall apply.

Support

- The development support is destined for Russian–German co-productions between a Russian producer and a German producer.
- Producers may apply for up to 30.000,00 Euro which is the maximum amount that can be granted. The amount of the financial aid must not exceed 80% of the producer's share of the total development costs. Producers own investment must amount to at least 20%.
- The support is granted as an interest-free loan. The conditions of the repayment will be stipulated in the funding agreement. Normally, the loan must be repaid on the first day of principal photography or as determined in the specific funding agreement.
- The loan will normally be paid in three instalments: 60% after signature of the loan agreement; 30% after delivering a developed script and 10% after approval of the final costs.

- Payment will be made to a bank account, specifically opened for this project, as agreed upon by the producers. The administrative recipient of the support should be the majority co-producer.

Eligibility Criteria

Support can be granted for the development of full-length feature films aimed at a cinema release in at least Russia and Germany. For Russian Producers support is provided if the project is corresponding to the conditions for obtaining the status of a national film.

- The projects must be of high artistic quality and display the potential to attract cinema audiences in at least Russia and Germany.
- At least one German producer and one Russian producer must co-develop the film.
- The participation of the majority co-producer should not exceed 80% and the participation of the minority co-producer should not be lower than 20%.
- The rights in the script should be allocated according to the producer's share of the total development cost.

Application

- Applications must be submitted according to the published deadlines (announced on the websites of the four partner institutions) in accordance with the stipulations noted in the application form. The project should be submitted in the original language version and in English. The application form must be signed by all producers.
- The activities for which funding is applied may not have been initiated prior to the application date.
- Applications should be discussed with the appropriate partner institution prior to submission. In case of equal shares the co-producers must nominate one co-producer to be responsible for the application. The nominated co-producer is responsible for the funding and will allocate it appropriately within the co-production structure.
- Applications must adhere to the requirements noted in the official application form and contain a screenplay/treatment/project description (as appropriate), and a synopsis in the original version **in English**.

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