

program bullet points

GERMAN FILMS DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT:

- Funding program established in 2005 for foreign distributors releasing a recent German feature or documentary film in cinema
- € 50.000 maximum support per film per country as a conditionally repayable loan, whose repayment depends on a success of the film in the cinema / funding up to € 10.000 may also be given as a grant subsidy
- Distributor's own share must be at least 50 % of total distribution costs
- A committee decides on the applications and defines repayment thresholds (based on admission figures) of conditionally repayable loans
- Annual budget for 2021: € 890.000

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Full payment of minimum guarantee, signed long form agreement
- Funding must be used for additional promotion measures
- Support of co-productions: The film must be majority German financed co-production, possess a
 German certificate of origin and must have been produced with majority of German members of cast
 and crew as well as a significant German cultural imprint
- With conditionally repayable loans: film must be sold theatrically to at least 4 territories
- Time limit: Application deadline at the latest 2 months before the release of the film / applications have to be complete and correct by then (additional deadlines referring to the committee-meetings on our website)

OBLIGATIONS:

- The final accounting concerning all distribution costs is due 2 months after the release / applicants whose film releases in November or December have to render the account no later than 4 weeks after the release date
- Reports about admission figures/gross receipts by the end of every month during the film's exploitation in cinemas
- Repayment: conditionally repayable loans must be repaid 4 weeks after reaching a repayment threshold
- Documentation that has to be handed in 2 months after the release date: all advertising material in digital form, the film in the country version as HD-material, one exploitation report with critics etc. for German Films
- German Films must be named as a subsidizing body in all media and the logo of German Films must be shown on all printings / if the subsidy amounts to € 50.000 all prints must display the logo of German Films and a notation indicating German Films as a subsidizing body in the main titles