

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.
- Distribution Support can be applied for once per film per country.
- € 50.000 maximum as a conditionally repayable **loan**, whose repayment depends on a success of the film in the cinema. A committee decides on the applications and defines repayment thresholds (based on admission figures) of conditionally repayable loans.
- € 15.000 maximum funding may also be given as a not repayable **grant**.
- Distributor's own share must be at least 50 % of total distribution costs.
- A committee decides on the applications.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- The reference film must have been produced with a majority of German cast and crew members and have a clear German cultural influence (language, plot, filming-locations).
- In case of international co-productions: The film must be majority German financed, possess a German certificate of origin (BAFA-document provided by production company or world sales).
- Distribution Support must be used for **additional measures**.
- All exhibits of the application form must be verifiably present:
https://www.german-films.de/fileadmin/mediapool/PDFs/Distribution_Support/Application_Checklist.pdf
- Applying for conditionally repayable loans, the film must be sold theatrically to at least 4 territories.
- The **application deadline** must be met:
The correct and complete application must be submitted no later than **2 months before the planned theatrical release** of the film. Additionally, please find the deadlines referring to the committee-meetings on our website.

OBLIGATIONS:

- The theatrical release of the funded film must take place on the date specified in the application. If a **postponement** cannot be avoided, the new release date must take place no later than 6 months after the originally planned publication date.
- If the release date is postponed to the next calendar year, the Distribution Support agreement must be terminated. A new application in the following year is then possible again.
- The **final accounting** is due 2 months after the theatrical release. Films releasing in November or December must render the final accounting no later than 4 weeks after the theatrical release.
- **Repayment of loans:** Conditionally repayable loans must be repaid 4 weeks after reaching a repayment threshold.
- German Films must be named as a sponsor in all media and the German Films logo must appear on all printed matter. For funding of € 50,000, the German Films logo must also be shown in the credits of the film.