# THE NEW AUSTRIAN FILM & TV INCENTIVE









## THE NEW AUSTRIAN FUNDING LANDSCAPE

Austria is proud to have launched an extensive incentive system that allows productions to increase value creation in Austria, attract foreign production and to create qualified jobs.

Since incentive systems play an essential role in the highly competitive and increasingly globalized film industry in order to attract international productions from cinema, television and streaming and to strengthen national productions, we welcome the model that came into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and also includes a climate bonus.

#### THE MODEL IS BASED ON 3 PILLARS

International service productions in cinema, TV & streaming (FISAplus)

Austrian TV and streaming productions (FISAplus; TV in coordination with the Austrian television fund)

Austrian cinema films and distribution (ÖFI+)





#### GENERAL FACTS FISA+ & ÖFI+

- 30% grant on the Austrian spend + 5% Green Filming Bonus + Gender Gap Financing
- No yearly cap
- Fiction, documentary & VR projects (VR only FISAplus)
- Maximum funding per project:
  - 5 mio. Euro (film) 7.5 mio. Euro (series)
- Cultural Test applicable
- No applications after start of filming or production parts in Austria

#### **GREEN FILMING BONUS**

- Prerequisite:
  - Certification with the Austrian eco-label UZ<sub>7</sub>6 *OR*
  - Achievement of a target value of a catalog of criteria (based on UZ<sub>7</sub>6)
- Verification of the fulfilled criteria by an independent agency (FISAplus) or the Green Filming department of ÖFI (ÖFI+)
- Additional costs that arise as part of Green Filming (e.g. Green Consultant, UZ76 licenses, etc.) can be recognized as eligible costs.









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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PRODUCTIONS TV, STREAMING & CINEMA	AUSTRIAN PROJECTS TV & STREAMING	ÖFI+ PRODUCTION FUNDING	ÖFI+ DISTRIBUTION
<ul> <li>Live action &amp; animation, VFX, film music or postproduction (production parts)</li> <li>Qualified independent Austrian company operates as service production company</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not commissioned, but financial contribution of a media service provider (TV broadcaster, video on demand service etc.) with a minimum of 30% of the total production costs</li> <li>Projects must officially be recognized as Austrian film or series</li> <li>Co-productions with other countries are possible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Feature film and documentaries for cinema</li> <li>Qualified independent Austrian company as applicant</li> <li>National production or international coproduction according to Coproduction Treaties</li> <li>25% added value bonus in case of additional investment from abroad</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Automatic support for release or distribution of Austrian films or acknowleged international coproductions.on the basis of Austrian spend</li> <li>Qualified Austrian film distribution company holding distribution rights, being fully responsible of P &amp; A budget and rendering comprehensive distribution service including booking &amp; billing</li> </ul>
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	
<ul> <li>Service production agreement</li> <li>If necessary approval of regional institutions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personal contribution</li> <li>55% of the total production costs secured through binding commitments from media service providers and funding entities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Approval of national or regional funding entities in Austria or</li> <li>30% of Austrian financing in place (national or Austrian majority coproductions)</li> <li>50% of non-Austrian financing in place (Austrian minority coproductions)</li> </ul>	
MINIMUM SPEND IN AUSTRIA	MINIMUM SPEND IN AUSTRIA	MINIMUM SPEND IN AUSTRIA	MINIMUM SPEND IN AUSTRIA
• Fiction: 150.000 Euro	• Fiction: 150.000 Euro	• Fiction: 150.000 Euro	- 25.000 Euro
<ul> <li>Documentary: 80.000 Euro</li> <li>Animation, VFX, music, postproduction: 25.000 Euro</li> </ul>	- Documentary: 80.000 Euro	Documentary: 80.000 Euro	
NO MINIMUM TOTAL PRODUCTION BUDGET	<ul> <li>MINIMUM TOTAL PRODUCTION BUDGET</li> <li>1.8 Mio. Euro (film)</li> <li>600.000 Euro (series: per episode &gt;45 min.)</li> </ul>	NO MINIMUM TOTAL PRODUCTION BUDGET	NO MINIMUM TOTAL DISTRIBUTION BUDGET
FUNDING INSTALMENTS	FUNDING INSTALMENTS	FUNDING INSTALMENTS	FUNDING INSTALMENTS
<ul> <li>30% after start of shooting or production parts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>30% after signing the contract</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>30% after signing the contract</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>70% after signing the contract</li> </ul>
in Austria	<ul> <li>30% after start of shooting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>25% after start of shooting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>30% after final review of the project</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>70% after final review of the project</li> </ul>	<ul><li>20% after half of shooting</li></ul>	<ul><li>20% after end of shooting</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>20% after final review of the project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10% after presentation of rough-cut</li> <li>15% after final review of the project</li> </ul>	
Can be cumulated with funding of other institutions	Can be cumulated with funding from other institutions	Can be cumulated with funding from other institutions	
or local authorities with the exception of funding from	or regional authorities. Cumulation with subsidies from	or regional authorities. Cumulation with subsidies from	
federal funds	federal funds is excluded, except for projects that meet the "Exzellenzbonus" of the Austrian Television Fund.	FISAplus or the Austrian Television Fund are excluded.	

FISAplus is the funding measure of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy and is handled by Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft mbH (aws).

If you have any questions about the funding requirements, submission criteria and the application process, please contact **Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft mbH**.

#### www.fisaplus.com

The National Film Commission FILM in AUSTRIA is the first and central point of contact for monitoring and supporting international film, TV and streaming projects and potential applicants for funding within the framework of FISAplus.

If you have any questions about locations, possible service production companies and initial consultation, please contact **FILM in AUSTRIA**.

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The Austrian Film Institute (ÖFI) is Austria's biggest national film funding agency in terms of cinema productions. Support is provided along the value chain from script development to project development, production and distribution.

Since January 2023 the funding program is extended by ÖFI+, an automatic scheme based on the Austrian spend.

If you want to learn more about funding for Austrian cinema films, contact the **Austrian Film Institute**:

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