

**Children's film Co-Development Fund  
between  
the Netherlands Film Fund and  
MDM Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung GmbH 2016**

**MDM Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung GmbH**, Hainstrasse 17-19, D-04109 Leipzig, represented by its CEO Mr. Manfred Schmidt

and

**Netherlands Film Fund**, Pijnackerstraat 5, NL-1072 JS Amsterdam, represented by its CEO Mrs. Doreen Boonekamp.

**Preamble**

In line with the existing and ongoing joint efforts to enhance the cooperation between the Germany and The Netherlands, considering the economic and cultural benefits from closer mutual co-operation, together with the aspiration to increase and encourage the development of quality and diverse audio-visual productions for children and to stimulate knowledge exchange and co-production in the field of children film

**Both parties have agreed**

To establish a 'Children's film Co-Development Fund' to jointly provide selective script (co-)development support for original film projects with regard to children film scripts originated from the region of Mitteldeutschland and The Netherlands;  
The annual budget of the Fund amounts as a rule up to € 100'000. Each party will contribute € 50'000 to the Fund.

This 'Children's film Co-Development Fund' aims to support projects that are potentially of high quality and of interest to cinema audiences in both countries as well as to international cinema audiences and film festivals, given that:

- The film projects are about contemporary matters and to be told from the perspective of children.
- the film productions are live action feature films, there are no limitations regarding style or genre.
- Original film projects have priority.
- Individual script coaching and/or coaching in the context of workshops are an integral part of this Agreement.
- Priority will be given to a project that already has a co-producer from Germany respectively the Netherlands attached;

The 'Children's film Co-Development Fund' will have two or three decision panels per year. The selection committee will consist of the CEO's or their representatives of each party to this Agreement.

**Support**

Only coproduction companies and co-production teams based in the Netherlands or Mitteldeutschland and teams consisting of producer, writer and director can apply.

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Support through this co-development fund is destined solely to the script development of film projects for children in the ages 4-6, 6-9 and 9-12.

Subsidies will be given for a treatment, a first or second version, a re-write of a script and/or script coaching. Allocation of the subsidies will be determined by the Selection Committee.

Applications can be submitted by production companies based in the Netherlands or Mitteldeutschland whereas the corresponding producer has been jointly and severally responsible for at least one feature film with a cinema release in the Netherlands or Germany. The writer (and co-writer) must have realized at least one feature film that has been theatrically released or a television series that has been broadcasted.

German/Dutch related content is not obligatory.

Application forms and detailed information will be published in the 'Call for Application' and through the websites of the MDM and the Netherlands Film Fund and will be made available eight weeks prior to the first application deadline.

Applications must be placed according to the published deadline.

The projects should be submitted in English and signed by all partners involved.

Regarding title logo and mention in the context of this Agreement, the Rules of the concerning fund will be applicable.

After December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 this Agreement shall be automatically extended for another year, unless otherwise decided. If the cooperation will not be renewed, the parties shall inform each other by the end of November preceding the new calendar year.

This agreement is effective immediately upon signature by both parties.

Thus agreed, drawn up in duplicate and signed in Leipzig and Amsterdam on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2016

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