YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR SERVICE & FUNDING IN GERMANY
UNIQUE LOCATIONS

The German Film Commissions are pleased to introduce you to Europe’s most progressive and historic film production region: Germany has nearly every picturesque landscape and backdrop you could ever imagine: islands, sea, mountains and valleys, rivers and lakes, medieval ruins, castles, industrial centers, contemporary architecture and much more.

HIGH CLASS PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

German Film Commissions offer regional location- and production guides and contacts to the German film industry. Germany offers an open film culture, highest standards in film technology, modern studios featuring professionally trained, English-speaking crews, and creative minds in all fields and trades.

FREE SERVICES – LOCATIONS, STAFF, SHOOTING PERMITS AND MORE

The German Film Commissions are a network of Location Offices and Film Commissions all over Germany. We offer most efficient and free services:

- consulting and information around shooting in Germany
- location scouting
- link up with local authorities and government departments
- link up with local companies and crew

GET FUNDING – WITH A GERMAN COPRODUCTION PARTNER

International producers, who want to make use of German film funding, usually need a German-based co-production partner. To facilitate the search for co-production partners, the Film Commissions will be happy to help you!
GERMANY MORE THAN 300 MILLION EUROS OF FILM FUNDING SUPPORT EACH YEAR

NATIONAL FUNDING

DFFF I – The German Federal Film Fund (DFFF I) offers up to 25% automatic rebate on every euro spent on production costs in Germany - if you produce your feature, documentary or animated film in Germany and spend at least 25% of your budget here.

DFFF II – Also production service providers such as production studios or VFX service-providers with responsibility for commissioned films or film sequences are eligible to submit applications (DFFF II). Minimum German spent has to be 8 Million € here for up to 25% automatic rebate.

Detailed information:
▸ www.dfff-ffa.de

GERMAN MOTION PICTURE FUND

The German Motion Picture Fund offers non-repayable production grants for international coproductions which are not intended for initial release in cinemas up to 20% and international high-end series up to 10% of the eligible German budget.

Detailed information: ▸ www.ffa.de

REGIONAL FUNDING – FOCUS GERMANY

The regional film funding institutions are based in the federal states and collaborate in the network Focus Germany at festivals and congresses. Each of the 10 funds has a budget to spend per year between 5-35 Million to support film productions and a maximum of up to 1 Million per project. Funding is provided as a soft loan and must be repaid if the film is economically successful.

Detailed information:
▸ www.focusgermany.de

COMBINE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT

The financial resources of the regional and national film funding institutions can be combined for financing a film. You could receive several Million per project!
HOW TO FINANCE YOUR NEXT FILM IN GERMANY?

Example:

Your budget (German spend): € 15 m
► Automatic DFFF rebate (20%): € 3 m
► first regional film fund loan: € 600 k
► second regional film fund loan: € 400 k
► You could receive up to € 4 m!*

* In addition, other national support, or international funding can be combined.
The German Film Commissions are members of AFCI and EUFCN.