

APULIA FILM COMMISSION

Apulia Film Commission (AFC) was born in 2007 and aims to attract audiovisual production companies by providing subsidies to lower the costs of preparation, production and postproduction of projects shot in Puglia. It has four funds: Apulia National Film Fund, Apulia International Film Fund, Hospitality Fund, Apulia Development Fund, for a total endowment of €2,5 million euros per year. Until now AFC has financed 132 productions and produced 14 shorts and documentaries which have been premiered and awarded at international festivals. 44 out of the 132 financed productions are feature films and 15 are international. The average is 7.3 feature films per year. AFC provides a variety of free services to solve logistical problems. AFC has two headquarters, which are the Cineport hubs in Bari and Lecce. AFC manages two training programmes: "PugliaExperience" dedicated to young screenwriters and "Closing the Gap: Investment for 360° Content" dedicated to EU film producers.

Apulia International Film Fund

The Apulia Film Commission supports international audiovisual productions filmed in Apulia. Funding, available through a public tender, offers direct financial support in the form of a free grant to offset production costs for European and non-European audiovisual, film and TV production companies presenting full-length film, TV film and TV series projects. The Apulia International Film Fund will reimburse 15% of the production costs incurred in Apulia, thus allowing non-Italian producers to obtain a further 25% tax credit provided for by Italian law. In addition, production companies will enjoy a VAT-free status following international legislation which excludes VAT for agreements between Italian executive producers and foreign producers. As a result, a total saving of 61% is available for non-Italian production companies filming in Apulia. Funding is available for foreign companies which hold a majority stake in the film project, Italian companies which hold a minority stake and have participated in at least one international co-production and Italian companies with an executive production contract for an international film project and which have acted as executive producer for at least one foreign audiovisual project. The total endowment of the new fund for 2013 is € 500.000,00 and each applying film project may receive a maximum grant of € 200.000,00. The amount of allowable grant, also when added to other forms of public funding (including tax credit and tax shelter), may not exceed 50% of total production costs. Projects are only accepted from companies in possession of a distribution contract (full length films) and / or broadcasting contract (TV films and series) from the country of origin of the majority production company. The AFC Foundation Board assesses projects within 45 days. The Apulia International Film Fund is accumulable with the Hospitality Fund and Apulia National Film Fund.

Hospitality Fund

The Apulia Film Commission reimburses production company hospitality expenditure to lower costs incurred for transport, accommodation and expenses in Apulia. This is the Hospitality Fund, available through ERDF funds (Actions 4.3.1 and 4.1.2) and accumulable with the Apulia International Film Fund. It is allocated in three annual quotas (sessions dated 31 January, 31 May and 30 September). The grant reimburses wholly or in part the costs incurred by production companies in Apulia on expenditure such as accommodation, board (refreshments, catering, packed meals) and travel and transport within the region (including vehicle hire). A maximum of €100,000.00 is available for full-length films, TV films and TV series. ; € 20,000.00 for documentaries and €15,000.00 for shorts and videoclips. Funding is determined by the resources available for each session.

Apulia Development Film Fund

AFC allocates a large part of its is to dedicate part of its 2013 resources to developing projects based on original screenplays or adapted from literature of cultural, social or regional relevance set wholly or partially in the Apulia region. The fund, in the form of a free grant, allocates direct of 50% of the project development budget in covering the expenses incurred in developing a film project in Apulia, in any format and for any distribution network. Apulia Development Fund is allocated in three annual quotas (31 January, 31 May and 30 September 2013) with a total amount of € 90,000.00.

Funding is available for Italian, European and non-European production companies in the audiovisual, film and TV fields presenting applications for feature-length fiction or animation films, TV movies, TV or internet series, documentaries and docu-fictions. Each project will receive financial support of 50% of costs incurred in Apulia as set out in the production budget which in all cases may not exceed €15,000.00.

Apulia National Film Fund

The Apulia National Film Fund is a financial support grant for Italian audiovisual production companies shooting in Puglia. It can allocate up to € 300.000,00 for full lenght feature film, tv films and tv series. Public call is open and the list of beneficiaries will be available on the AFC website within 45 days.

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