



**focus
germany**

**Film
Funding
and
Locations**



From the seaside to the Alps, from unique rural idylls with lakeside chateaus to the vibrant spirit of big cities and latest technology, from places full of history to futuristic architecture and skyscraper skylines:

**Germany offers great opportunities
for making marvellous movies.**





Regional funding

How to get regional funding

The application procedure is basically the same at each of Focus Germany's nine member institutions.

The most important thing to remember is that you will need a German co-producer.

Focus Germany's members allocate around €170 million in soft loans each year to support excellent filmmaking and projects of outstanding quality.

Eligible for funding are ...

→ **Almost all genres and formats prior to shooting** – from mainstream to arthouse, from short film to high-end drama series, from animation to documentary, from drama to comedy.

→ **All phases of production** – from development and preproduction through production to sales and distribution. Some regions also have post-production funding for VFX/CGI. Film projects are likely to generate **cultural and economic 'regional effects'**.

Key information

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→ annual budget €11 million

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→ annual budget €35 million

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→ annual budget €11.5 million

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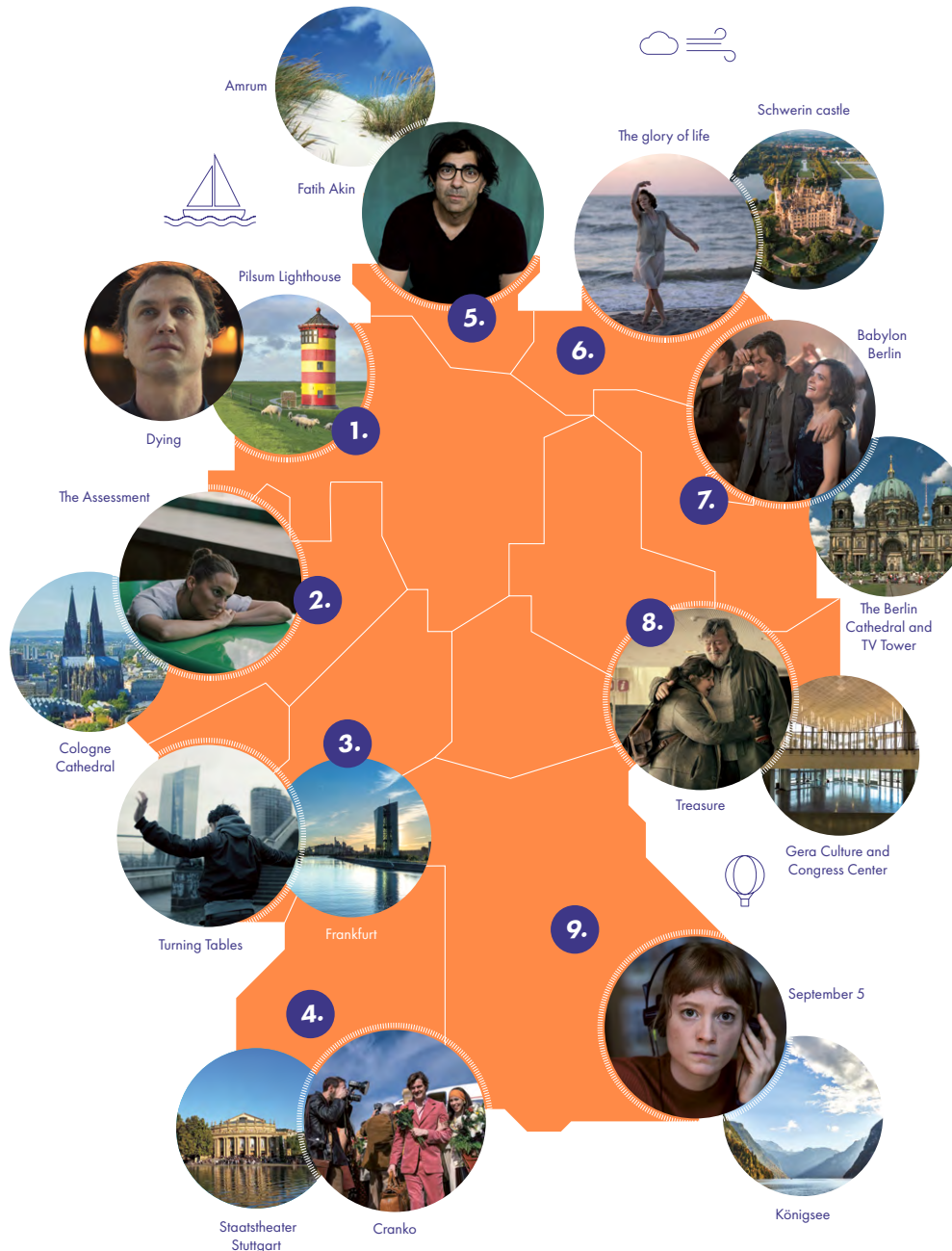
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→ annual budget €15 million



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→ annual budget €20 million

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→ annual budget €3.1 million

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→ annual budget €47 million

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→ annual budget €19.3 million

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→ annual budget €43 million

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Medienboard Berlin Brandenburg

Film und Medien Stiftung NRW

HESSEN FILM & MEDIEN

MFG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

MDM Mitteldutsche Medienförderung

FFF BAYERN

National funding

German Federal Film Board (FFA)

The FFA is Germany's national film funding institution and central service structure for the German film industry. It supports feature films at all stages of production and exploitation. In cooperation with European partners the FFA supports cross-border projects and co-productions. For more information visit www.ffa.de/funding.

German Federal Film Fund (DFFF I & DFFF II) and German Motion Picture Fund (GMPF)

The German Federal Film Fund (DFFF) and the German Motion Picture Fund (GMPF) of the Federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM) offer international co-productions attractive funding opportunities. Producers can count on funding of up to 30% of the costs incurred in Germany for the production of films and series and can expect to receive up to €25 million in funding per film production and €20 million per series.

The advantages

- Non-repayable grant
- Transparent, automatic support
- First instalment paid by the start of physical production

DFFF I



max. amount per project €5 million

- For international co-productions with German co-producers
- German participation of an international co-production must be at least 20 %
- At least 25 % of the total production costs must be spent in Germany
- Funding of up to 30% of approved German production costs

DFFF II



max. amount per project €25 million

- For production service providers with responsibility for commissioned films or film sequences with costs of at least €20 million or more
- German production costs must be at least €8 million, in case of animated projects at least €2 million
- Funding of up to 30% of approved German production costs

For more information www.ffa.de/dfff-en.html

GMPF



max. amount per project €20 million

- For producers of series with total production costs of at least €30,000 per minute for fictional series and €9,000 per minute for documentary series
- For producers of films not for cinema release with total production costs of at least €25 million per film
- Funding of up to 30% of approved German production costs

For more information www.ffa.de/gmpf-en.html

Doing the (funding) sums

The funding from the national and regional film funds can be combined in various ways to raise financing for your next film project.

Two examples of financing

Feature film

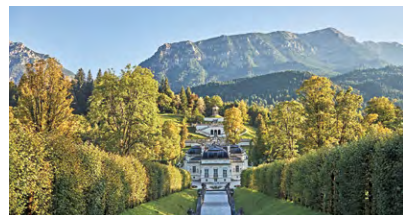
- Your budget (German production costs) €16 million
- DFFF approved costs €14 million
- DFFF I non-repayable grant €4.2 million
- Selective regional loan I up to €1 million
- Selective regional loan II up to €1 million

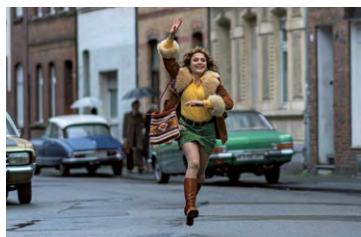
**you could receive up to
€6.2 million!**

High-end drama series

- Your budget (German production costs) €21 million
- GMPF approved costs €20 million
- GMPF non-repayable grant up to €6 million
- Selective regional loan I up to €1 million
- Selective regional loan II up to €1 million

**you could receive up to
€8 million!**





Focus Germany Film funding & locations

Tilda Swinton, Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson, Bill Murray, Nicole Kidman, Keanu Reeves, Julianne Moore, Wes Anderson, Hunter Schafer, James McAvoy, Sandra Huller, Sir Stephen Fry, Lena Dunham, Fatih Akin, Lana Wachowski – they've all heard the good news.

The good news about Germany's seemingly limitless range of shooting locations – from Alpine castles to sandy beaches, from primeval forests to modern urban skylines and a vibrant capital full of historic architecture, the world-class crews, and state-of-the-art studios and post-production facilities. And not to forget Germany's diversified network of national and regional film funds, offering a myriad of financing possibilities to international producers seeking backing for their next film project.

Focus Germany – Your guide to filmmaking in Germany

Focus Germany is the umbrella organisation of nine German regional film funds, supplying the lowdown on the respective funding programmes and their film industry infrastructures.

So, if you would also like to hear the good news about shooting in Germany, don't hesitate to get in contact with us. We're looking forward to working with you!

Contact us!

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