

String Region Short Film Competition Guidelines

String Region Short Film Competition is a short film talent development and production programme, designed to support young filmmakers from the String region, bring them together and to turn creative ideas into films. **String Region Short Film Competition** is targeting young writers, directors and producers who would benefit from professional help and support.

Objective

Submit an idea, a proposal for a short film not longer than 7 minutes under the broad theme of „Tales from your region“. This could be scenic, documentary, tragic, cheerful or satiric, everything is allowed and appreciated.

Timeline

The deadline for applications is the 10th of May 2015.

8-10 candidates will be invited to a three day talent campus during the International Short Film Festival Hamburg (9.-15.6.2015) where they will work on the ideas/proposals in workshops with professional coaches on story, picture and production - exact dates to be announced.

They also get full accreditation to the festival.

The coaches will then award three proposals with 2.000 Euro of an earmarked production budget.

The production of the awarded proposals and the completion of the films should be finished by October 2015.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria before being considered:

- You are an individual aged between 18 and 25 years
- You are based in the String region

Application Procedure:

1. Teams or individual filmmakers can apply with a short film proposal including the following information:
 - **Short Film Synopsis (1 page max) and/or Treatment for Short Film (2 - 3 pages)**
This should outline the dramatic action of the film, as well as conveying a clear sense of theme, tone, genre and main characters.
 - **Supporting Statement (1 page max)** This should express why you as a writer/director/producer want to make the film and how you would use the sum of 2.000 Euro
 - **Mood Boards/Story Board (optional)**
 - **Draft of Screenplay (optional)**
 - **Completed Application Form**

- **Short CV/Filmography for All Team Members**
- **Links to individual team member's online examples of work**

In addition to original stories and screenplays, the **String Region Short Film Competition** programme will accept proposals for short story adaptations from writers, directors and producers. To apply with an adaptation, you **must** have an option on the source material, cleared the existing work for use or can prove it's out of copyright.

Submitting Your Application

If you require more information or assistance with the application process please contact: info@string-shortfilm.eu

Project Decision & Commissioning:

After submitting your application, you will receive confirmation of receipt via email. If you meet all of the eligibility criteria, we'll contact you by the end of May 2015 about the decision.

The decisions will be made by the national partners of the competition. They emphasize equally the talent shown in former works, the originality of the idea proposed and the core teams experience.

All applications will be considered according to the following criteria:

- The creative merits and originality of the proposed idea
- The abilities and track record of the filmmaking team
- The attention to the theme
- The viability of the project
- The benefit of the project to the filmmaking team's career

Language

All communication and documents should be in English with the exception of a complete screenplay. This can be in your native language.

Rights

All rights will stay with the applicants. String Region Short Film Competition reserves the right to evaluate the finished films and to show them on its website.