



EURO CONNECTION XVII

4 -5 février 2025 – Clermont-Ferrand

Euro Connection is the main platform for the **coproduction** of short films. This pitching and networking event aims at fostering partnerships between production companies within Europe around quality short film projects. The 17th edition of Euro Connection will take place on **Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 6 February 2025** during the Short Film Market in Clermont-Ferrand, with support from the Creative Europe and the PROCIREP. A selection of XR projects will complete the coproduction forum.

The final conditions of invitation and organisation of Euro Connection may vary to adapt to any external factor that may affect its implementation.

CALL FOR PROJECTS 2025

Deadline for application: 20 October 2024

Important notice: Coproduction and reciprocity

Coproduction requires **time** and **reciprocity** for the sharing of artistic and financial responsibilities. For any producer applying with a project, a successful coproduction necessarily implies:

- a good relationship with the author/director in order to jointly welcome and fully trust a foreign artistic and financial partner on board the project.
- leaving enough time for a co-producer to apply for funds abroad, before going into production.
- being able and ready to oneself take up the position and role of co-producer.

What is Euro Connection?

Euro Connection is a co-production forum designed for European producers, broadcasters, distributors and financial backers looking to partner on quality short projects from a diversity of European country.

Our annual call for projects is launched across Europe early September (see details below). Producers and authors of selected projects are offered online script sessions and pitch training prior to pitching their project and meet potential co-producers in Clermont-Ferrand.

Euro Connection includes:

- Script consulting session (online, Dec. 2024)
- Pitch training workshop (Clermont-Ferrand, Monday 3 Feb. 2025).
- Pitching sessions (Clermont-Ferrand, Tuesday 4 Feb. 2025).
- Facilitated networking for producers and attending participants.
- One-on-one business meetings (Clermont-Ferrand, Wednesday 5 Feb. 2025).

Euro Connection brings together:

- 12 European projects selected for pitching
- 8 producers invited as Producers in Focus
- Some 150 industry participants each year

Past editions have resulted in the completion of 136 films, including 74 international co-productions.



I. How to apply with a project?

Eligibility

Producers with a company based in one of the countries associated to Euro Connection 2025 may apply by email **no later than October 20, 2024**, to the national correspondent in their country (see list below).

Projects must match the following criteria to be eligible:

- The project is a short film (animation, fiction, creative documentary).
- Application is made by a company based in one of the associated countries.
- The duration does not exceed 30 minutes.
- The project must have partial funding* secured from an external source.
- Project is intended as an international coproduction.
- Shooting or production shall start no earlier than June 2025.

* READ CAREFULLY: **partial funding** here means actual development or production funding secured. Support must come from a third-party organisation (i.e.: script development grant, production fund, state or local government support, co-financing from a broadcaster, prize money from a foundation or script contest, etc.).

In-kind contributions, services, or own investment share from the original production company or affiliated partners are NOT considered valid for eligibility in the respect of this selection process.

No minimum amount or percentage is required. Projects can be either at an early or a more advanced stage of funding.

Any producer applying with a project formally commits to attend Euro Connection in person in Clermont-Ferrand in case of selection.

National correspondents in each country (see list p.7) may answer queries from producers wishing to apply. Please send your application by email to the national correspondent in your country no later than **October 20, 2024**. Incomplete applications or ineligible projects will not be considered.

Applications shall be sent as **1 single pdf file** containing

- the entry form below (pp. 5-6) carefully filled out
- all additional documents required

Selection process

In each country the national correspondent collects applications, checks eligibility, and sets up an expert committee to nominate 1 finalist project. Expert committees will especially pay attention to the artistic value of the projects. Each national correspondent will inform the applicants of the results of the nomination of the finalist project. Producers with a finalist project, who have applied to their correspondent with an application in another language than English, will then be requested to send an English version of their application (including script) within 7 days. A European jury of 3 industry professionals from different nationalities will then select up to 11 projects from all the finalist projects. All finalist participants shall be informed of the list of selected projects for Euro Connection by the end of November 2024.

For Denmark, the Danish finalist project will be nominated with the results of Pitch Me baby! (August 26 - Sept. 1, 2024, in partnership with the *Odense Film Festival*). For Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania), the winning project of the Baltic Pitching Forum (Vilnius, October 8-11, 2024) will be selected for Euro Connection, as a result from the partnership between these two events.



Support to Ukraine

The organization of Euro Connection will reserve one place for a project in development whose director was born in Ukraine wherever she/he may reside on the European continent. The project needs to be attached to a coproduction company based in Ukraine or in Europe and looking for coproduction partners. Applications must be sent in English using following online form (for Ukrainian projects only): <https://t.ly/bkT5b>

XR Projects

A session with XR projects will be presented as part of Euro Connection. Producers wishing to apply with an XR project are invited to do so using following form: <https://t.ly/xHxSp>

May apply:

- AR/VR/XR projects with a maximum duration of 45 minutes.
- Presented by a production company based in the European Union.
- With initial/partial funding secured.
- Whose production will not start before June 2025.

The selection committee set up by the organisers will select up to 4 XR projects.

Invitation for selected projects

The producers of each selected project will be invited to Euro Connection to pitch their project. Invitation is limited to one person per production company, and covers:

- A 160 € travel grant (paid on arrival on site)
- 4 hotel nights and meals (arrival Sunday 2 February – departure Thursday 6 Feb. 2025)
- Full accreditation to the Short Film Market / Short Film Festival in Clermont-Ferrand.

The authors/directors of the projects are very welcome, and their presence is strongly advised. Authors/directors are invited in shared hotel room with their producer and will also be granted free accreditation, meal vouchers, and access to all networking facilities.

II. Producers Focus

8 producers will be invited to be part of Euro Connection as Producers in Focus. Invitations are made at the discretion of the Euro Connection organizing team, in connection with current European cooperation partnerships or with the Festival or Short Film Market programme. Companies showing interest for getting on board international projects will be given priority. If relevant, some producers of the remaining finalist projects, might be invited to attend as Producers in Focus if willing to do so.

Each Producer in Focus is given a two-minute window during Euro Connection to facilitate interactions with other members industry players. This is not a project-related pitch, but rather a brief presentation of their company, their approach to short films and to coproduction. The profiles of the Producers in Focus are detailed in the Euro Connection booklet. Producers in Focus are given a chance to be actively identified by the industry audience, to develop their network, and to get on board selected projects.

Invitation to the Producers in Focus includes:

- 3 hotel nights (arrival Monday 3 Feb. - departure Thursday 6 February 2025).
- Meal vouchers for the duration of their stay.
- Full accreditation to the Short Film Market & Short Film Festival in Clermont-Ferrand;
- Invitation to the Euro Connection / CNC networking cocktail.

III. How to attend pitching sessions and book meetings?

Access to pitching sessions (Tuesday 6 Feb.) and to the Producers Focus is free, upon presentation of a ticket and your Market badge. **Prior online registration is compulsory** and reserved with priority to producers, broadcasters, distributors and financial backers holding an accreditation to the Short Film Market. The Euro Connection booklet will be available online, with details of Selected Projects, profiles of Producers in Focus and event schedule.

Producers wishing to meet selected teams or producers in focus to discuss possible production opportunities will be offered to book 30-minute slots for one-on-one meetings taking place on Wednesday 5 February.

The online registration form will be available on January 21, 2025, at www.clermont-filmfest.org, together with the Euro Connection booklet. Registered participants will then be able to book one-on-one meetings with teams of their choice through the Euro Connection team.

Early registration is advised as Tuesday's pitching sessions are often fully booked and the schedule for Wednesday's one-to-one meetings fills up quickly.

Fiche d'inscription – Euro Connection 2025

Short film project

Original title:

English title:

Director:

Script written by:

Producer (full name):

Production company:

City:

Country:

Website/Facebook page:

Contacts

Producer's e-mail

Cell phone:

Director's e-mail:

Cell phone:

Tech specs

Estimated running time:

fiction animation creative documentary

early stage of development in progress advanced stage of development

Planned period of shooting (after June 25):

Planned completion date:

Short synopsis (500 characters) :

Budget And financing

Total estimated budget (in €)

Secured funding to date (in €) :

(i.e. % of budget)

I declare that project has secured partial funding from an external source.

Name of funding body:

Granted on (date):

Type of funding received (please tick where appropriate):

script / development funding

broadcaster / TV coproduction support/presale

state production fund

prize/award/foundation money

local/regional/city production fund

other (specify:.....)



Director's bio (750 characters) :

Producer's bio (750 characters) :

Profile of production company(500 characters) :

Please add following documentation for your application to be valid:

- Filled-out form (pp. 5-6 from this document)
- Complete script.
- Director's motivational note (artistic choices – 1 page max.).
- CV and photo of director.
- Proof of funding granted by third party organisation (confirmation letter, etc.).
- Producer's motivational note (including coproduction strategy – 1 page max.).
- CV and photo of producer.
- Filmography and logo of production company.
- Video link to previous film (or clips) by same director (if available).

Please note: these documents are read carefully by expert committees and the European jury. Information and material received will be printed and published online in the Euro Connection booklet in case of selection.

I understand and accept that the information contained in this form will be published if my project is selected and might be edited to match Euro Connection booklet publication requirements.

I commit to attend Euro Connection in person at event's dates (Feb 2-6, 2025) in Clermont-Ferrand in case of selection by the European Jury.

Producer's full name:

Date:

Signature:

Send your application by e-mail to your national correspondent (see p.7) in one single PDF file



Pays associés et contacts des correspondants nationaux Euro Connection 2025

AUSTRIA	Vienna Shorts	laura.hoerzelberger@viennashorts.com
BALTIC COUNTRIES	Baltic Pitching Forum	(winner Best Project)
BELGIUM	Wallonie Bruxelles Images	genevieve.kinet@wbimages.be
BOSNIA	OFF Sarajevo	market@omladinski.ba
BULGARIA	Creative Europe Desk Bulgaria	info@mediadesk.bg
CROATIA	Creative Europe Desk Croatia	martina.petrovic@mediadesk.hr
CYPRUS	ISFF Cyprus	isffc@rialto.com.cy
CZECH REPUBLIC	Czech Film Center	vitezslav@filmcenter.cz
DENMARK	Odense Film Festival	winner Pitch Me Baby becomes finalist project if eligible
FINLAND	Tampere Film Festival	riina.mikkonen@tamperefilmfestival.fi
FRANCE	Sauve qui peut le court métrage	l.crouzeix@clermont-filmfest.org
GERMANY	AG Kurzfilm e.V. German Short Film Association	kache@ag-kurzfilm.de
GREECE	Greek Film Centre	Zoe.Kandyla@gfc.gr
HUNGARY	Friss Hus Budapest ISFF	veronika@frissshusbudapest.com
ICELAND	Sauve qui peut le court métrage	l.crouzeix@clermont-filmfest.org
IRELAND	IndieCork Film Festival	una@indiecork.com
ITALY	Centro Nazionale Del Cortometraggio	progetti@centrodeltorcorto.it
KOSOVO	DokuFest	apliko@dokufest.com
LUXEMBOURG	Film Fund Luxemburg	carole.kremer@creative-europe.etat.lu
MALTA	Creative Europe Desk Malta	daniela.said.1@ewropakreattiva.mt
MOLDOVA	CNC Moldova	moldova.cnc@gmail.com
NETHERLANDS & FLANDERS	Go Short Leuven ISFF	program@goshort.nl vincent@kortfilmfestival.be
NORTH MACEDONIA	Creative Europe Desk MK	marija.zelenkovska@filmagency.gov.mk
NORWAY	Norwegian Film Institute	arna-marie.berasaas@nfi.no
POLAND	Krakow Film Foundation	marta.swiatek@kff.com.pl
PORTUGAL	Curtas Vila do Conde Indielisboa	mdias@curtas.pt miguel.valverde@indielisboa.com
ROMANIA	Romanian Film Centre	info.international@cnc.gov.ro
SERBIA	Creative Europe Desk Serbia	una@fcs.rs
SLOVAKIA	Slovak Film Institute	lea.pagacova@sfu.sk
SLOVENIA	Kraken Short Film Promotion Society	peter@kraken.si
SPAIN	Madrid en Corto	distribucion@ecam.es
SWEDEN	Uppsala Short Film Festival	info@shortfilmfestival.com
UKRAINE	Sauve qui peut le court métrage	Online form: https://forms.gle/v2TntEYZmaskq3cr7



Contacts

Euro Connection, Short Film Market - Clermont-Ferrand

Laurent Crouzeix (04 73 14 73 12)

Julie Rousson (04 73 14 73 22)

euroconnection@clermont-filmfest.org

www.clermont-filmfest.org

