

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION OF PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT AND WORK IN PROGRESS AT DOCLISBOA-NEBULAE 2025

Flanders Image, Wallonie Bruxelles Images, SEE NL and Film Fund Luxembourg, in collaboration with Doclisboa-Nebulae, are organizing a co-production meeting for filmmakers and producers from the Benelux Countries during the festival, which will take place between October 16th and 26th, 2025. This initiative aims to foster opportunities for building an international network of documentary projects with co-production potential involving Europe and Latin America.

The co-production event will feature the following activities:

- Presentation of projects by selected production companies to European and Latin American professionals.
- Exhibition of WIPs (projects in production or post-production) for selected professionals.
- One-to-one meetings with industry experts and relevant agents from the international sector.

A total of twelve (12) projects will be selected from the Benelux countries.

Applications will be open from June 10th to July 1st 2025.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

1) Documentary Projects in Development:

To be eligible, documentary projects in development must:

- Be film projects with a strong basis in reality, either documentary or hybrid in nature, with a strong basis in reality, that explore the potential and boundaries of the documentary form.
- Demonstrate secured financing for at least 20% of the total budget.
- Possess international appeal and a clear potential for co-production with European and/or Latin American partners.

2) Projects in Production or Post-Production (WIP):

To be eligible, projects in production or post-production must:

- Be film projects with a strong basis in reality, both of documentary or fictional nature, that experiment with the potential and boundaries of the film form.
- Have a rough cut of at least 20 minutes in length available by the application deadline.
- Provide a final cut of greater duration three (3) weeks prior to the start of the Festival, if selected.
- Possess international appeal and a clear potential for co-production with European and/or Latin American partners.

PARTICIPATION COSTS, REQUIREMENTS, AND SELECTION

Participation in this program is free of charge. The program will cover three (3) nights of accommodation for one (1) representative per selected project. Travel costs (flights) are the responsibility of the participants.

Doclisboa-Nebulae will provide complimentary festival accreditations.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Producers interested in participating in this event must meet the following requirements:

- Be a production company based in one of the Benelux countries (Flanders, Luxembourg, Wallonia-Brussels, or the Netherlands).
- Possess a minimum of two (2) to three (3) years of international experience.
- Have produced at least one (1) documentary feature film released in theaters or on streaming platforms within the past four (4) years.

- Demonstrate an adequate level of English proficiency.
- Be available to attend the event in Lisbon, Portugal, for a three-night stay during the Festival (exact dates to be confirmed in June).

REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

1. For Projects in Development:

A project dossier including the following:

- Project title;
- Synopsis;
- Development phase;
- Director's statement;
- Biographical notes of the director and producer;
- Links to previous works with English subtitles;
- Treatment (abridged version);
- Two (2) to five (5) frames or visual references;
- Documentation demonstrating secured financing for at least 20% of the budget;
- Professional trajectory of the production company.

2. For Projects in Production or Post-Production:

A project dossier including the following:

- Project title;
- Synopsis;
- Development phase;
- Director's statement;
- Biographical notes of the director and producer;
- Links to previous works with English subtitles;
- Two (2) to five (5) frames;

- Professional trajectory of the production company.

A link to a rough cut of at least 20 minutes with English subtitles.

REGULATIONS

- Nebulae is the networking space of Doclisboa, designed to foster the creation, production, and dissemination of independent cinema through activities, meetings, opportunities, and connections.
- In 2025, the co-production meeting for filmmakers and producers will be held within Nebulae, the industry section of the Doclisboa Festival. Each edition of Nebulae features a guest country and its film professionals. With the support of Flanders Image, Wallonie Bruxelles Images, SEE NL and Film Fund Luxembourg, the Festival is pleased to welcome Benelux countries in 2025.
- As part of the guest country program, Nebulae will host project presentation sessions and individual meetings.
- Participants of selected projects agree to the publication of project information in the official Doclisboa and Nebulae catalogs, on the festival website and social media channels, and in other promotional materials.
- Registration requires completion of the registration form and submission of all required materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The selection of projects will be carried out by the Doclisboa coordinators and representatives of Flanders Image, Wallonie Bruxelles Images, SEE NL and Film Fund Luxembourg, who may consult with relevant industry professionals.
- Selected participants will be notified by email no later than one (1) month prior to the start of the Festival. This information is to remain confidential until officially announced by the organization.

- All films resulting from projects presented in Nebulae must include the credit: "Project presented in Nebulae" + Nebulae logo in their film credits.
- Submission of a project implies knowledge and acceptance of these regulations.
- Doclisboa and Nebulae guests are not covered by the festival's insurance.

CONTACTS

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