

Audiovisual - Film, TV & Radio Germany Creative Europe Community

Berlin International Film Festival to screen 16 EU-funded films

Creative Europe Media celebrates 35 years by supporting 16 European films at the Berlinale, showcasing €1.17 million in funding and highlighting the EU's commitment to cultural diversity and cinematic excellence.

Sixteen European productions supported by Creative Europe Media, which marks its 35th anniversary this year, are featuring at the 76th edition of the Berlinale, one of the most prestigious international film festivals. Among the European works, which received a total of €1,170,500 in EU funding, several are shortlisted for prestigious awards: À voix basse and Dust are competing for both the 'Golden' and 'Silver Bear' awards.

As part of the programme, on 14 February, the Commission will host the event 'Creative Europe Media: Lessons for the Future'. It will present the impact of EU funding on the audiovisual sector over the past decade and host a panel discussion with the industry's professionals.

The Commission also supports several initiatives fostering international collaboration and talent development, including the Berlinale Co-Production Market, funded with €4.1 million over three years, and Berlinale Talents and Shooting Stars, the latter supported with over half a million euro from Creative Europe Media.

This year, the Creative Europe Media programme is marking its 35th anniversary. Over three and a half decades, the programme has supported European creative works, showcasing the EU's

cultural diversity and strengthening the competitiveness of the industry. The success of the MEDIA programme paves the way to the proposed AgoraEU programme, which strengthens support to the audiovisual and news media sectors.

The Berlinale is a key annual meeting point for film professionals and audiences alike. Beyond its cultural significance, it provides an important platform for industry exchanges on current trends and future challenges in the audiovisual sector. The winners will be announced at the Berlinale Awards Ceremony on 21 February.

The Berlinale screens about 400 films across sections like Competition, Panorama, and Encounters, with awards announced on February 21. It serves as a hub for cultural exchange and industry discussions on audiovisual trends.