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"Funding for eight new Ukrainian films"

"The European Solidarity Fund for Ukrainian Films will support Ukrainian filmmaking for the third consecutive year."

Eight new film projects from Ukraine, including documentaries, fiction and animation, have received support from the European Solidarity Fund for Ukrainian Films (ESFUF) with a total budget of €900.000. Half of the projects were directed or co-directed by women. As announced at a special event on the sidelines of the Berlinale, the ESFUF will renew its support for Ukrainian filmmaking in 2025.

The event was attended by Mykola Tochytskyi, Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, Members of the European Parliament, the President and representatives of the European Film Agency Directors' Association (EFAD).

The European Solidarity Fund for Ukrainian Films is an initiative launched by the members of EFAD in Berlin in February 2023. The Fund supports the completion of films or the development of new projects, while promoting co-productions. Over the past two years, 49 Ukrainian film projects have been supported either at the development or finalisation stage. Of the 21 films that received support for finalisation, 11 have already been screened at major European film festivals. Kateryna Gornostai's film *Timestamp*, which received finalisation support in May 2024, will premiere in the official competition of the Berlinale. A total of 29 films received development support. Some of these films have completed their production and are now in the final stages of

completion, such as Special Operation, which will premiere in the Forum section of the Berlinale.

In the autumn of 2024, the fund moved towards production support. The 8 new projects that will receive production support under the latest call were announced by Christopher Peter Marcich, President of the European Film Agency Directors' Association.

The supported projects are:

- BLUE SWEATER WITH A YELLOW HOLE by Tetiana Khodakivska

Ukrainian production company: Pronto Film

Production company established in France : Girelle Production

Amount of the support: 90 000 €

- HARDSUB by Novruz Hikmet

Ukrainian production company: Contemporary Ukrainian Cinema

Production company established in Germany: Plotlessfilm GbR

Amount of the support: 150 000 €

- KAI by Oleh Sentsov

Ukrainian production company: AT Films

Production company established in Germany: Ma.ja.de. Fiction GmbH

Amount of the support: 150 000 €

- PALINGENESION by Alina Gorlova, Yelizaveta Smith, Maksym Nakonechnyi, Simon Mozgovyi.

Ukrainian production company: Tabor LTD

Production company established in France: Les Valseurs Bordeaux

Amount of the support: 40 000 €

- RED ZONE by Iryna Tsilyk

Ukrainian production company: Moon Man

Production company established in Luxembourg: a_BAHN

Amount of the support: 150 000 €

- SCREAMING GIRL by Antonio Lukich

Ukrainian production company: Fore Films

Production company established in Ireland: Feline Films

Amount of the support: 150 000 €

- THE ELF'S TOWER by Polina Kelm

Ukrainian production company: Magika Films

Production company established in Croatia: Restart

Amount of the support: 40 000 €

- UNHOLY POWER by Roman Liubyi

Ukrainian production company: Babylon 13 Production

Production company established in Germany: Benedetta Films

Amount of the support: 130 000 €

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Photo: Timestamp film poster

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