

Production incentive for the audiovisual industry - application instructions

Who can apply?

Disbursement may be applied by Finnish and foreign production companies, production service companies or other companies chosen in the audiovisual industry that are responsible for a specific part of the production. If the funding applicant is a foreign company that has not registered in Finland, it must use a Finnish company as product coordinator. In international co-productions, the Finnish producer may be the funding applicant and recipient.

How to apply?

The application is filled in Tekes' Online service. The application must be written in Finnish, Swedish or English. The application must be filled in by a company that has a Finnish business ID.

Any applications for foreign funding must be submitted on behalf of the applicant by the production coordinator. Foreign applicants must make a written service acquisition agreement with a production coordinator that has a Finnish business ID. In this agreement, the contract production coordinator must be authorised to submit the applications in Tekes' Online service.

Tekes requires that all funding applicants use a specific form attached to the application containing the budget of a production carried out in Finland

[Cost specification of the production \(xlsx\)](#)

What is a production coordinator?

A production coordinator hires the people, acquires the services for the funding recipient and pays the salaries and service providers' bills. The coordinator will charge paid salaries and bills and his/her own fee from the funding provider. The coordinator will maintain a cost specification in specific format ([Cost specification of the production \(xlsx\)](#)) as instructed by Tekes. The beneficiary and the production coordinator agree on the terms of payment and payment schedules.

Tips for filling in your application

Note please! When application is filled by production coordinator, one must notice that all asked information about company is related to the company that is recipient of funding.

Current situation of the company

You are requested to provide some general background information about the company. The company's core team refers to those persons in the applicant company who are involved in the project.

De minimis support

Answer 'No' to this question.

Basic details

Preliminary schedule

The project schedule is the schedule of the production carried out in Finland. If the production in Finland consists of more than one period, they are specified under the question about the project implementation.

Municipality where the project is primarily carried out

Select the Finnish co-production or production coordinator company's domicile specified by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) as the main municipality of implementation for the production.

Project implementation

The portion of an audiovisual production completed in Finland

The application form contains this question:

- Which portion of the production is completed in Finland, and what is its schedule and key cost items in Finland?

- How does the production meet the criteria specified by Tekes for a cultural product?

Disbursement can be made earlier against intermediate accounts; please enter here estimate when such account may be available.

By costs we refer to expenses resulting before, during and after the actual production in Finland, from which a disbursement of a maximum of 25% is calculated.

Budget and funding

Estimated cost of project

Wages and salaries

Wages and salaries paid to employees paying taxes to Finland for work done in Finland. Eligible costs include the wages and salaries subject to withholding of persons that participated in the production.

Indirect personnel costs

Indirect personnel costs include e.g. social security and other labour costs such as standard personnel training and fringe benefits. A maximum of 30% of the wages paid, which have been approved for the project, will be accepted as indirect personnel costs.

Purchases

Services purchased from companies with tax liability in Finland. Eligible costs include any costs incurred in Finland from the purchase of goods and services, cargo and accommodation costs, and the costs of equipment and properties leased for production purposes.

Other costs (Flat Rate)

Other expenses are only accepted for up to 20% of the total amount of wages and salaries and purchased services. Other expenses include e.g. travel expenses and overheads and the producer's fee. Travel expenses include e.g. tickets, fuel costs and daily allowances.

These other costs need not be reported to Tekes, nor do they need to be included in the recipient's project accounting.

To read more about the funding terms, see [Funding terms and conditions for Incentive for Audiovisual Productions \(pdf\)](#)

Project funding

Tekes funding may account for a maximum of 25% of the production carried out in Finland.

Other funding

List the other providers of funding for the project

Free note

Write to a synopsis or description of the content of the work.

Other attachments

The "[Application documents](#)" lists the necessary documents. Please note that documents A and B on the list are mandatory. Select the documents that are ready when sending the application, and send them to Tekes along with the application.

The other production documents are submitted only on request. You can submit a maximum of 10 attachments with your application. You can send more attachments through Online services once the application has been received.