

# [DE-FR] Films Co-Production Agreement between Germany and France

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On 17 May 2001 a Co-Production Agreement has been signed between Germany and France. It entered into force on 4 February 2002, replacing the Cinematographic Agreement of 5 December 1974 as well as the Agreement on the Promotion of Cinematographic Co-Production Projects of 5 February 1981. At the same time, both countries signed a new agreement on the Promotion of Cinematographic Co-Production Projects ("Mini-Traité") which entered into force on 23 November 2001.

The Cinematographic Agreement applies to all films, irrespective of their genre (feature, animation, documentary), length, or medium, receiving their premiere in a motion-picture theatre. Producers from third countries can join the co-production, if their country is linked to Germany or France by a films co-production agreement.

Financial contribution of a co-producer shall be at least 20%.

Full-length films (with a running-time of at least 79 minutes) may benefit from additional aid of up to 20% of the total production costs, according to the provisions of the Mini-Traité.

For further information contact:

- Die Beauftragte der Bundesregierung für Kultur und Medien - Referat K 35 (Angelegenheiten des Films; Film- und Videowirtschaft) -

<http://www.bundesregierung.de/Bundesregierung/Beauftragte-fuer-Kultur-und-Me-,9668/Kontakt.htm>

- Centre national de la cinématographie - Direction financière et juridique

[http://www.cnc.fr/index\\_dyn.htm?h\\_infos\\_pratiques/r2/ssrub1/p1\\_d1\\_textes.htm](http://www.cnc.fr/index_dyn.htm?h_infos_pratiques/r2/ssrub1/p1_d1_textes.htm)

*Films Co-Production Agreement between Germany and France, 05/2001*

*Agreement on the Promotion of Cinematographic Co-Production Projects ("Mini-Traité"), 11/2001*

***Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République Française et le Gouvernement de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne, signé à Cannes le 17 mai 2001; Décret n° 2002-738 du 30 avril 2002 (J.O. 4 mai 2002)***

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***Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République Française et le Gouvernement fédéral d'Allemagne relatif au soutien de projets de coproduction cinématographique, signé à Cannes le 17 mai 2001 - Décret n° 2002-319 du 27 février 2002 (J. O. 6 mars 2002)***

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