

European Commission: Film Support at the Level of the German *Länder*

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The European Commission has examined film support at the level of the German *Länder* in various decisions. This support is currently provided primarily by the following institutions:

- Medien- und Filmgesellschaft Baden-Württemberg mbH;
- FilmFernsehFonds Bayern GmbH;
- Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg GmbH;
- Filmbüro Bremen e.V.; WFB Bremen GmbH;
- Mediengesellschaft Niedersachsen/Bremen mbH;
- Filmförderung Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein GmbH;
- Hessische Filmförderung; HessenInvestFilm; Filmförderung des Landes Hessen;
- Filmbüro Mecklenburg-Vorpommern;
- Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung GmbH;
- Filmstiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen GmbH;
- Stiftung Rheinland-Pfalz für Kultur; Kultusministerium Rheinland-Pfalz;
- Saarland Medien GmbH;
- Kulturelle Filmförderung des Landes Sachsen;
- Kultusministerium des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt;
- Kulturelle Filmförderung Thüringen - Thüringer Staatskanzlei.

In accordance with Article 88(3) EC, the Federal Government has notified the Commission of numerous arrangements in individual *Länder* for the provision of support for film and television productions. The Commission decided to approve the measures pursuant to Article 87(3)(d) EC (see IRIS 2002-1:0 and IRIS 2003-3:Extra); more recent decisions, such as on Bavaria and Hesse, date from June

2007 and August 2009.

