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Comeback grant for Film and TV covering costs for productions that are facing shut-down or delay due to COVID-19

,retooling' economic development and the cultural sector after the pandemic

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## Film- and TV-productions & COVID-19

- Film & TV-productions had to be shut down and postponed
- Social distancing and quarantine disabled film shoots
- COVID-19 measures are not covered by insurances
- Risk of total breakdown of local filmindustries



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## **Eligible Costs**

- Addtional production costs
- Costs for additional shooting days
- Not liable (frustrated) expenses: costs not caused directly by COVID-19, but for expenses that now became useless

# Costs covered through this grant

- Up to 100% of additional production costs
- max. EUR 2,5 Mio. per Film/TV-production



### **Ressources needed & administration**

- In total EUR 25 Mio.
- Applications possible since June 2020 and will close December 2020 (deadline most likely will be expanded until spring 2021)
- First come first serve principle
- This program is administered by the managing team of Film Industry Support Austria (FISA)

#### **Objective of the comeback-grant**

Stabilise the Austrian film industry by enabling producers to restart their interrupted shootings respectively and start new shootings with the **backup of financial state aid** in case of interruption of the shooting due to any measures taken by the authorities relating to COVID-19.

## Replicability

This program is not only applicable for the Austrian Film and TV production scene; its absolutely replicable and could become a **blueprint** to help and **stabilise the European film industry in this COVID-crisis.** 



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