

## **2025 MEETINGS ON THE BRIDGE SHORT FILM WORKSHOP REGULATIONS**

### **1. DATES**

The Meetings on the Bridge Short Film Workshop, held as part of the 44th Istanbul Film Festival organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSV) from April 11 to 22, 2025, will take place on April 15, 16, and 17, 2025.

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The workshop aims to:

- Support the production of short films in Türkiye,
- Support the development of short film scripts through training sessions, group work, and one-on-one meetings,
- Foster dialogue between Turkish and international filmmakers,
- Help directors and producers showcase their projects on international platforms,
- Create a collaborative environment among cinema professionals to ensure continuous knowledge exchange.

### **3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Applications are open to short narrative or documentary projects in the development stage.
- Projects planned to be completed by the end of 2025 are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must submit documents listed under the “Application” section in PDF format, in both Turkish and English.
- Projects that have previously applied to the Short Film Workshop are not eligible unless significant changes are made to the treatment and documented in an added page.
- A production company is required; the producer and director can be the same person.
- A production company may apply to different platforms of Meetings on the Bridge with different projects but cannot apply with more than one project to the same workshop. Each project can only be submitted to one workshop.
- Only short narrative or documentary projects from Türkiye with a maximum planned duration of 20 minutes are eligible.
- Projects that have already started filming are not eligible. Selected projects must not commence shooting before the closing ceremony on 17 April, 2025.
- Directors must have participated in a film festival with at least one short film or have been part of the creative team of a feature film, documentary, or commercial that has been screened at a festival, released theatrically, or aired on TV. (A link to the film is required.)
- The project team must attend all training sessions, presentations, and meetings held during the workshop. If the producer or director cannot attend, the project becomes ineligible for awards.
- Training sessions will be conducted by local and international experts. Therefore, the director and/or producer must be proficient in English.

- The final film produced from the project must include the Meetings on the Bridge logo in its credits.
- Awarded projects must feature the Meetings on the Bridge and sponsor logos in their opening credits and promotional materials.
- Awarded films are expected to premiere at the Istanbul Film Festival. If this is not possible, the Istanbul Film Festival must be informed and consulted beforehand.

#### 4. APPLICATION

- Projects will be selected by a jury composed of local and international directors, producers, screenwriters, distributors, film fund managers, TV executives, and sales agents.
- A maximum of four projects will be chosen to participate.
- Priority will be given to projects that have not participated in similar platforms or co-production markets.
- Applications must be submitted by **31 January, 2025**, until **6:00 PM**, by the producer of the project.
- Applications are accepted in both Turkish and English and must be submitted online via [vp.eventival.com/iff/meetingsonthebridge2025](http://vp.eventival.com/iff/meetingsonthebridge2025)

#### Required Documents (to be submitted in Turkish and English in PDF format):

- Logline
- Synopsis (max. 300 words)
- Treatment (max. 3 pages)
- Script
- Director's statement (max. 300 words)
- Producer's statement (max. 300 words)
- Biographies and filmographies of the director and producer, and their photos (each max. 125 words)
- Financial plan (in TL and EUR)
- Financing strategy
- A sample of at least one previous film by the director, with English subtitles if any (online link and password if applicable)
- Visual materials, mood book, and location photos if available

#### 5. PROGRAMME

- Selected directors, producers, and screenwriters will work with international experts in preparation sessions. Details of the programme will be shared later. Attendance is mandatory for all team members presenting the project.
- Project teams will pitch their projects to the Short Film Workshop jury during the festival.
- The awarded project will be announced at the closing ceremony on 17 April, 2025.

#### 6. TIMELINE

- **26 December, 2024:** Applications open
- **31 January, 2025:** Application deadline

- **15–17 April, 2025:** Workshop sessions
- **17 April, 2025:** Award announcement

Further details on the training schedule and awards will be announced later.

The Istanbul Film Festival and Meetings on the Bridge reserve the right to make changes to the programme and regulations. By applying, applicants accept all terms outlined in the regulations.

For announcements, visit: <https://film.iksv.org/en/meetings-on-the-bridge>

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