

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CinEuro Film Lab – Cross-border Inspiration Session

“Bridging Stories, Building Futures”



As part of the thematic strand “Conflicts and Reconciliations”, the Grand Est Region, lead partner of the CinEuro Film Lab project, is launching a call for applications for a cross-border Inspiration Session taking place between Lörrach, Basel, Mulhouse and Mannheim from 11 to 13 November 2026.

Every day, thousands of people cross the borders between France, Germany and Switzerland to work, study, or simply live together. They move between several languages, cultures and memories, making the Rhine region a place where borders are crossed as much as they are explored through stories.

Yet this everyday reality is the result of a history marked by conflicts, divisions and successive reconciliations that have shaped the region. Today, the borders between the three countries, once contested, have become spaces for cooperation, exchange and innovation, offering fertile ground for writers and directors seeking to explore local stories.

Over three days, a **delegation of 12 participants** will discover iconic locations, meet experts across the three territories and immerse themselves in local stories that could inspire new European and cross-border film projects.

The “*Bridging Stories, Building Futures*” session invites filmmakers to explore the industrial and social connections that develop across borders, while seeking to **understand past conflicts through the processes of reconciliation** that have brought people, territories and memories together. What stories emerge when borders become spaces of encounter rather than separation? How has a history of conflict shaped

everyday life today? How can we tell the stories of the past while imagining shared futures?

Building on this theme, the session will also explore how film and audiovisual industry professionals are currently developing new forms of cooperation at European level. This reflection will continue during a professional day in Mannheim, organised by MFG Baden-Württemberg through the CinEuro Film Lab as part of the **International Film Festival Mannheim-Heidelberg (IFFMH)**.

On this occasion, **Torsten Zarges**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of DWDL.de, one of the leading specialist media outlets covering the audiovisual industry and a leading voice in media journalism across the DACH region, will analyse current market developments during a panel discussion called “*Future Trends and Markets in Film, TV and Streaming*”. He will look at the latest transformations in the sector, new business models and emerging opportunities shaping the future of film, television, streaming and audiovisual creation.

Provisional Programme

- [Wednesday, 11 November: Basel-Lörrach](#)

Welcoming lunch at Lörrach (1:00 p.m)

Guided tour of the Three Countries Museum (Dreiländermuseum) and its temporary exhibition “[Ici et ailleurs | Zuhause – unterwegs](#)”, with a person from abroad sharing their migration journey in their own language

Visit to one of the Roche Towers in Basel offering panoramic views over the tri-border area and exchanges with collaborators of Roche, as well as with Dr. Manuel FRIESECKE, director of [Regio Basiliensis](#)

Visit to Filmstudio Basel, followed by an *apéritif* with the team

Departure for Mulhouse and check-in at the hotel

- [Thursday, 12 November: Mulhouse](#)

Introduction session for participants, including presentations of their projects, as well as of relevant actors from CinEuro’s territories in the “[wagon of the Grand Duchess](#)”

Visit of the Cité du Train and exploration of the post-war reconstruction of the city of Mulhouse through the lens of the railway industry

Visit of the [Oelenberg Abbey](#), followed by an informal dinner in the presence of relevant actors related to cross-border cooperation in the region of the three countries

- [Friday, 13 November: Mannheim](#)

Transfer to Mannheim by shuttle

Participation in the CinEuro Day, as part of the professional programme of the IFFMH

CinEuro networking evening as part of the IFFMH

- [Saturday, 14 November: Mannheim](#)

End of programme and return of the participants*

**Following the CinEuro Day on 13 November, participants are invited to enjoy the IFFMH. Accommodation and catering costs will be borne by participants wishing to extend their stay in Mannheim.*

Candidate profiles

This call for applications is aimed at film and audiovisual professionals (writers, directors and producers), **primarily** from the cross-border territories that are members of the CinEuro Network*, who can demonstrate professional experience and a strong interest in the theme of the session. Applicants may apply **with or without a feature-length film project** (fiction, documentary, and/or animation) related to the theme.

However, screenwriters and producers **from other territories** may also apply, provided that they are developing (or intend to develop) film projects connected to the thematic of conflicts and of reconciliation in the CinEuro territories.

The working language will be **English**. However, some parts of the programme will take place in **French- and German-speaking groups**, depending on the activities offered.

The CinEuro member territories are the cross-border cooperation areas known as the “Upper Rhine**” and the “**Greater Region**”: Brussels-Capital Region, Wallonia, Luxembourg, Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate, Baden-Württemberg, Grand Est, and the cantons of Basel-Stadt, Basel-Landschaft and Aargau.*

Candidates will be selected based on their **motivation** to take part in the Inspiration Session, their **connection(s) to the CinEuro territories**, and their **professional profile**.

Conditions for price coverage

As part of the delegation and in accordance with the eligibility rules of the **INTERREG** programme, the following arrangements will apply to costs covered from 11 to 13 November 2026:

	CINEURO	COMMENTARY
PARTICIPATION TO THE EVENT	✓	
ACCOMODATION	✓	Accommodation costs will be covered for the duration of the inspiration session for 3 nights (11–13 November). Participants wishing to extend their stay in Mannheim over the weekend (14–15 November) in order to attend the rest of the IFFMH programme may do so at their own expense.
TRAVEL COSTS	⚠	Travel expenses will only be covered for journeys made during the duration of the Inspiration Session .
MEALS COVERED	✓	Lunches and apéro-dinners during the Inspiration Session (11–13 November), as well as breakfasts on 12 and 13 November, will be covered. Reimbursement for any meals not included in the programme will not be possible.

The precise details regarding the costs covered will be communicated to the selected participants.

Application process

Please complete [this application form](#) **by September 29th, 2026**.

Should you have any questions, contact us at: eda.uner@grandest.fr | contact@cineuro.fr

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