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Cine-Regio welcomes three new members

At Cine-Regios General Assembly on 16th May at the 64th Festival de Cannes, Cine-Regio welcomes three new members: BLS Südtirol-Alto Adige (Italy), Film Agency for Wales (UK) and Fondo Audiovisivo Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy).

This brings Cine-Regio up to 37 regional film funds from 16 countries in Europe, representing in total approximately 158.000.000 euro per year in film support.

Charlotte Appelgren, General Secretary of Cine-Regio: *“We are very excited welcoming three new film funds to Cine-Regio – members who support quality cinema and share our views on the importance of co-productions, nurturing talents and the cultural value of film”.*

- **BLS Südtirol-Alto Adige, Italy**

BLS considers itself a mediator between the Italian- and German-language film & television industries. Not only its geographical location, but also the bilingualism of the residents of South Tyrol helps to build intercultural bridges.

- **Film Agency for Wales, UK**

The Film Agency for Wales act as a sole agency for films in Wales, with a remit to ensure that the economic, cultural and educational aspects of film are effectively represented in Wales, the UK and the world.

- **Fondo Audiovisivo Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy**

The aim of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Audiovisual Fund is to support the development of local film companies and promote the regional audiovisual works in national and international markets.

More info on new members: www.cinergio.org/members

*Cine-Regio was established in May 2005 as an independent non-profit association. The members exhibit a range of support schemes and services to the film sector. **At the 64th edition of the Festival de Cannes 22 films has been supported by Cine-Regio members.** This state the importance of the work of Cine-Regio that acts as a lobby and network organisation encouraging cross-border and interregional co-operation and co-productions.*

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