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Script Development

AI Storytelling Bootcamp

A three-day online workshop that delves into the use of AI for storytelling and development. It focuses on prompt design, creative collaboration with AI, and examines its ethical, legal, and environmental challenges.

For: scriptwriters, producers, story editors

Series Mania Institute
seriesmania.com

Feature Film Series Young Audience

Cinekid Script LAB

A six-month script-training programme, designed for writers developing a children's film or series. Participants work with industry professionals, refine draft scripts and build their international network.

For: scriptwriters
Stichting Cinekid
cinekid.nl

Series

DFFB Serial Eyes

An eight-month postgraduate programme where participants develop their own TV series projects while gaining hands-on experience in collaborative writing. Taking place in Berlin with study trips to London and Series Mania in Lille (FR).

For: scriptwriters
Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin
serial-eyes.de

Feature Film

eQuinox International Screenwriters' Workshop

A seven-day screenwriting workshop for European writers with a project and a producer attached, featuring one-on-one mentorings, master classes, and follow-up consultations with internationally known advisors.

For: teams of experienced scriptwriters and producers
eQuinox
equinox-europe.org

Series

Eureka Series

A six-weeks training course designed to prepare European screenwriters to join professional writers' rooms and master the unique demands of serial storytelling from a European perspective. Taking place in Lille (FR).

For: scriptwriters
Series Mania Institute
seriesmania.com

Series

European Showrunner Programme

A six-month training and mentoring programme for experienced European series writers to develop the production and creative leadership skills required of the showrunner's position. Held in Cologne (DE).

For: experienced scriptwriters
ifs Internationale Filmschule Köln
filmschule.de

Emerging Filmmakers Feature Film

LIM² – Less is More

An eight-month training programme consisting of three workshops on how to use creative limitations as a tool to strengthen storytelling. For 1st to 3rd feature film projects. Held in Plouneour-Brignogan (FR).

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers
Le Groupe Ouest
lim-lessismore.eu

Documentary Feature Film Series

MFI Script 2 Film Workshops

A six-month script and project development programme combining online sessions with on-site workshops on Greek islands. It supports feature, series, and documentary projects through writers' rooms, mentoring and masterclasses.

For: scriptwriters, script consultants, producers
Mediterranean Film Institute
mfi.gr

Emerging Filmmakers Feature Film

MIDPOINT Feature Launch

A seven-month development programme for creative teams with a 1st or 2nd feature film project and for script-consultant trainees. The three residential workshops (CZ) include, mentoring, pitching at Karlovy Vary IFF and business strategy.

For: teams of scriptwriter/ director and producer, script-consultant trainees
Midpoint Institute
midpoint-institute.eu

Series

MIDPOINT Series Launch

A nine-month development programme for teams with a fiction series project. The three residential workshops help participants to develop the script, plan production strategies and prepare pitch materials.

For: teams of scriptwriter/ co-writer and producer, development executives
Midpoint Institute
midpoint-institute.eu

Feature Film

TFL ComedyLab

A year-long programme which brings together writers with projects and comedy writers/performers without projects to collectively work on script development by exploring the comic potential of amusing feature film projects.

For: scriptwriters, comedy writers/performers
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmlab.it

Feature Film

TFL ScriptLab & ScriptLab Story Editing

A nine-month script development programme where writers and their teams refine their feature film scripts through dramaturgical analysis, tutor feedback, and structured story development tools.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers, story editor trainees
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmlab.it

Emerging Filmmakers Series

TFL SeriesLab Talents

A programme for professional scriptwriters coming from all over the world and planning a career in or a co-production with Europe, wanting to boost their experience in drama series writing and training the skills required in a writers' room.

For: scriptwriters
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmlab.it

Series

Writers Campus

A five-day creative incubator for scriptwriters with a fiction series project in development. Participants will pitch their projects to TV industry producers, broadcasters, and platforms during Series Mania Forum in Lille (FR).

For: scriptwriters
Series Mania Institute
seriesmania.com



Project Development

Animation

3D Character Animation

A nine-week programme in Viborg (DK), where participants learn how to animate in Autodesk Maya through lectures, assignments and mini-productions in the field of 3D character animation, from concept to polish.

For: animators, illustrators, designers, storyboard artists

**The Animation Workshop /
VIA University College
animationworkshop.via.dk**

Feature Film

ACE Annual Programme

A seven-month training for experienced European producers, featuring four key events that cover content development, financing strategies, business growth, pitching practice and networking, including an annual reunion.

For: experienced producers

**ACE Producers
ace-producers.com**

Animation Documentary

ANIDOX:LAB

A three-month lab guiding filmmakers from refining their animated documentary idea to narrative development and pitching, fostering collaborations between animation and documentary creators to enhance artistic potential.

For: directors, producers

**The Animation Workshop /
VIA University College
anidox.com**

Animation Series

Animated TV Series and TV Specials

An eleven-week training for animation professionals to develop TV series and specials from children's books. Includes scriptwriting, concept development, and a final pitch to industry experts, plus a week at the Annecy Animation Festival.

For: animation professionals

**La Poudrière
poudriere.eu**

Animation Emerging Filmmakers

Animation Sans Frontières

A six-month training for European junior animation professionals. Across four two-week modules in different European schools participants work in teams on their own projects and learn the full animation process from development to distribution.

For: producers, scriptwriters, technical directors, animation artists,

**The Animation Workshop /
VIA University College
animationworkshop.via.dk**

Documentary

BDC Discoveries

A three-part programme seeking to encourage innovative documentary collaborations with the Balkans. The programme is aimed at teams with a documentary projects in development with international potential and a cross-media angle.

For: teams of producer and scriptwriter or director

**Balkan Documentary Center
bdcwebsite.com**

Bridging the Dragon Lab

The Lab engages with Asian film institutions and prominent Asian producers and tutors. Participants will gain insights into the latest trends of the Asian film and television market and establish professional relationships for their upcoming projects.

For: producers

**Bridging The Dragon
bridgingvisions.org**

Animation XR

CEE Animation Workshop

A year-long project development and skills advancement programme for professionals with or without an animation project. It guides projects from development to market readiness and offers access to experts and networking events.

For: producers and their creative teams
**Slovene Animated Film Association DSAF
ceeanimation.eu**

Feature Film **Young Audience**

Cinekid Directors LAB

A five-day training for directors working on children's feature films or series in advanced development, with a producer attached. It focuses on refining the script, strengthening directorial voice, and gaining skills for working with child actors.

For: directors
Stichting Cinekid
cinekid.nl

Feature Film

CIRCLE Fiction Orbit

A week-long workshop for women and gender expansive directors, writers, and producers developing their 2nd–4th fiction feature. It offers script, production, and career mentoring with a focus on advancing projects toward production.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers
Wake Up Films production
doccircle.me

Documentary

CIRCLE Women Doc Accelerator

A year-long training programme for women and gender-expansive filmmakers developing creative documentaries. Through three modules, participants strengthen development, production, market strategies and their network.

For: women and gender-expansive filmmakers
Wake Up Films production
doccircle.me

Documentary **Emerging Filmmakers XR**

CPH:LAB

A six-month incubator for cross-media documentary projects. It supports emerging filmmakers through workshops, mentorship and prototype development in Copenhagen (DK), culminating in a presentation at CPH:DOX.

For: filmmakers, artists (up to two participants per project)
CPH:DOX
cphdox.dk

Animation **XR**

Creative Simulation Technologies

A twelve-week course teaching Houdini, Unreal and other simulation tools. Participants create own simulations under industry mentorship and benefit from case studies and networking opportunities.

For: 2D/3D, stop motion and flash animators, illustrators, storyboard artists
The Animation Workshop / VIA University College
animationworkshop.via.dk

Documentary **Emerging Filmmakers**

Documentary Campus Masterschool

A ten-month training for filmmakers with an advanced documentary/factual project offering a unique combination of five workshops, year-round webinars, mentorships and a final pitch in front of international industry decision-makers.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers, or teams
Documentary Campus
documentary-campus.com

Documentary **Feature Film Series**

EAVE Producers Workshop

A year-long training for producers built around three week-long workshops, focusing on professional development and the advanced development of fiction, documentary and TV series projects.

For: producers, scriptwriters, decision makers
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

Documentary

ESoDoc

An eight-month project development training for media professionals who want to improve their storytelling and co-creative skills, to broaden the potential of their documentary and new media projects, while gaining access to a larger market.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers, web-/game-designers, programmers, NGO-communication representatives
ZELIG School
esodoc.eu

Documentary

EURODOC

A year-long training programme for documentary producers with or without project. It helps participants develop their projects, deepen their company-management skills, and expand their international network.

For: junior to mid-career producers
EURODOC
eurodoc-net.com

Documentary Emerging Filmmakers

Ex Oriente Training Programme

A project-based training programme for documentary creators. It supports emerging directors and producers with mentoring and industry insights, and helps prepare their projects for funding and pitching at the East Doc Platform.

For: directors, producers
Institute of Documentary Film
dokweb.net

Documentary Emerging Filmmakers

IDFA Project Space

A four-month project-driven programme in which participants focus on strengthening the narrative or other creative aspects of their 1st or 2nd documentary film project. Project stages can vary from the late development to rough cut stage.



For: directors
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam
professionals.idfa.nl

Animation Documentary Feature Film

TFL Feature Lab

A six-month programme dedicated to 1st and 2nd feature film projects at an advanced stage of development. Each team will have individual encounters with various trainers internationally experienced in the different key areas of filmmaking

For: teams of writer/ director/ producer
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmclub.it

TFL Next

TFL Next addresses various topics across the year such as Feature Films, TV Series and Comedy through intense short-term online workshops. Participants can share and test ideas with peers and high-level tutors from all over the world.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmclub.it

Series

TFL SeriesLab & SeriesLab

Story Editing

Three one-week residential workshops aimed at developing the concepts for high-profile international TV series projects, terminating with a final pitch in front of major key players during a TV industry event.

For: scriptwriters, directors, producers
TorinoFilmLab
torinofilmclub.it

Animation Documentary Feature Film

The Audience Design Lab

A four-day workshop led by an Audience Designer for teams with a project in late development or at completion stage. Teams will explore and identify potential audiences and routes to market for their film.

For: teams of writer/ director/ producer
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu



Co-Production

Series

Apollo Series

A thirteen-day programme that strengthens the packaging phase of participants series projects by deepening expertise of the legal, financial, and artistic aspects of European co-productions, while providing access to key industry events.



For: producers
Series Mania Institute
seriesmania.com

Feature Film

EAVE Puentes – Latin America-European Co-Production

A project-based year-long training programme that brings together Latin American and European producers to develop fiction feature projects, offering group work, expert consultations, individual meetings, and networking.

For: producers, distributors, sales agents, festival and market representatives
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

EPI European Co-Production – Legal and Financial Aspects

A three-day workshop providing insights on legal and financial elements of European co-productions, while giving participants practical tools for structuring deals and networking with producers, lawyers, and business experts across Europe.

For: producers, distributors, commissioning editors, broadcasters, entertainment lawyers
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

Inside Pictures

In three one-week modules in London and Los Angeles senior producers and executives get a deeper understanding of the global film and TV business, build leadership skills, gain financial and legal know-how and expand their network.

For: producers, film executives
National Film and Television School
inside-pictures.com

Animation Feature Film Series Shorts

TIES THAT BIND Europe-Asia Hub – Animation Lab & Pitch

A three-week programme that brings together animation producers from Europe and Asia to develop co-productions, financing strategies, and pitching skills. Projects get mentoring and gain access to decision-makers from both continents.

For: producers
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

Animation Feature Film Series

TIES THAT BIND Europe-Asia Hub – Co-Production Workshop

A co-production programme for producers, focusing on script development, financing, co-production frameworks in Asia and Europe, pitching, marketing, and distribution plus meetings with key decision-makers from both regions.

For: producers, sales agents, financiers, distributors, festival programmers, co-production market representatives
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org



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Production & Post-Production

APostLab Annual Workshop

A six-day residential, project-based programme. It gives participants an understanding of the technical, financial, and creative aspects of post-production in a European co-production context.

For: producers, post-production supervisors

APostLab
apostlab.com

APostLab Mentorship Program

A year-long online mentoring scheme with monthly one-to-one and group sessions. Participants develop key technical and managerial post-production skills from workflow design and budgeting to handling international teams.

For: producers, post-production supervisors

APostLab
apostlab.com

Emerging Filmmakers Feature Film Biennale College Cinema

A year-long development programme supporting teams creating micro-budget feature films through workshops, script and production training. The programme concludes with a world premiere at the Venice International Film Festival.

For: teams of producers and directors
Fondazione La Biennale di Venezia
labiennale.org

Emerging Filmmakers XR Biennale College Cinema Immersive

A development programme for teams working on immersive projects. Selected teams work through two workshops, receive mentoring from immersive experts, and can compete for a € 75'000 production grant.

For: teams of producers and directors
Fondazione La Biennale di Venezia
labiennale.org

Digital and Creative Talent Development Hub

Three week-long bootcamps in a virtual studio in Prague and on Mallorca will immerse participants in AI-driven pre-visualization, real-time environment generation, automated VFX and low-carbon production chains.

NEW

For: filmmakers
Fantasy Studios S.R.O.
website not yet available

Documentary dok.incubator INT Workshop

An eight-month programme including three residential workshops that support documentary projects in the rough-cut stage through editing mentorships and support in distribution and marketing.

For: teams of editor, director, producer
DOK.incubator
dokincubator.net

EPI Digital Production Essentials

A three-day on-site course held in Berlin that provides fundamental insight into digital production workflows, including virtual production, budgeting for VFX, planning pipelines, and financing models.

For: producers
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

Emerging Filmmakers Feature Film Series FOCAL Production Value

An eight-day residential workshop focused on scheduling and budgeting European feature films and limited series. Line producers and assistant directors work on real projects, while producers and directors join later to review the plans.

For: line producers, production managers, assistant directors, producers
FOCAL
focal.ch

Hands-on AI Producers Lab

A two-day practical, workshop-based format focused on learning by doing. Participants work directly with AI tools, practice effective prompting and develop customised workflows or first prototypes for their own production practice.

NEW

For: producers
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu

Feature Film

MIDPOINT Editing Room

A ten-day workshop in Prague that supports director-editor teams in post-production with dramaturgical input, editing supervision and tailored mentorship, focused on refining the rough cut.

For: teams of editor and director
Midpoint Institute
midpoint-institute.eu



Management, Legal, Sustainability

Animation

ACE Animation Special

A six-day workshop for experienced producers looking to deepen their skills in animation. The programme covers story development, world-building, international production workflows, financing strategies, distribution, and line production.

For: experienced producers
ACE Producers
ace-producers.com

ACE Leadership Special

A two-module workshop for experienced producers who own or run a company. It supports them in developing their leadership, entrepreneurial skills and long-term business strategy.

For: experienced producers
ACE Producers
ace-producers.com

Series

ACE Series Special

A five-day residential workshop for experienced TV series producers. It focuses on series development, financing, co-production and showrunning strategies, with mentoring and case studies from European and global markets.

For: experienced producers
ACE Producers
ace-producers.com

Emerging Filmmakers Feature Film

Atelier Ludwigsburg-Paris

A one-year programme for emerging European film producers and distributors, combining workshops, festival visits, internships, and short-film production to develop skills in script, financing, production, distribution, and marketing.

For: producers, distributors
Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg, La Fémis
atelier-ludwigsburg-paris.com

Business and Legal Affairs

A five-day course covering the full life-cycle of film and TV projects. Participants gain practical legal knowledge for negotiating contracts, rights management and co-productions, as well as business strategies for content.

For: producers, sales and distribution executives, finance and legal executives
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu

Animation

Cartoon Business

A three-day seminar on animation industry business models, covering financing, co-production, new technologies, and revenue strategies, with one-on-one coaching and networking opportunities.

For: animation professionals
CARTOON - Association Européenne du Film d'Animation
cartoon-media.eu

EAVE+

A five-day workshop for experienced producers. It helps participants strengthen their managerial and financial capacity through sessions on company sustainability, cash-flow management, new business models, and leadership.

For: experienced producers, senior management
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

EPI Audiovisual Women

A six-month leadership programme for women in the European audiovisual industry. Participants work on strategic career growth, gain tools for leading teams and companies, and receive mentoring and networking opportunities.

For: female film professionals in mid- to senior-level management
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

EPI Clearing Rights for Film and TV

A three-day seminar in Berlin providing an overview of rights-clearance strategies including copyright, personality rights, music rights, trademarks and third-party content. Participants gain hands-on experience and network with professionals.

For: industry professionals dealing with rights' issues in various stages of production
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

EPI eTrainings

On-demand online courses that cover topics such as green production, negotiation, co-production, change management, and rights clearing, each providing 6–20 hours of content with six-month access, taught by leading industry experts.

For: industry professionals
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

Series

EPI Series' Women

A six-month career development programme for female producers in the European drama-series industry. It combines on-site training, mentoring, pitching coaching, masterclasses and networking at major markets like TV Drama Vision.

For: female producers, hiring managers
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

EPI The Art of Negotiating Agreements for Film and TV

A three-day interactive workshop in Berlin enabling film and TV producers to better negotiate and protect their interests while handling agreements. Furthermore they learn how to identify the interests of potential partners.

For: producers
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

Future Ready

A three-day training programme focusing on digital transformation in film. Exploring artificial intelligence, virtual production and immersive formats, while grounding innovation in legal frameworks, business realities and ethical responsibility.

NEW

For: producers, audiovisual professionals
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu

FRAME – Future for Restoration of Audiovisual Memory in Europe

A training programme on audiovisual archives, combining a five-day on-site workshop and mentoring. Participants develop skills in preservation, digitization, documentation, access and distribution while fostering networking.

For: archivists, engineers, technicians, librarians, project managers, producers
Institut National de l'Audiovisuel
ina.fr

Series

IP Adaptation Bootcamp

A three-day online workshop that explores how to turn existing IPs into compelling series. Through case studies and expert feedback participants gain tools to navigate challenges of IP adaptation for series. No project required.

NEW

For: producers, agents, development executives, business affairs, sales executives
Series Mania Institute
seriesmania.com

Sustainability Management

A five-day on-site course covering economic, ecological, cultural, and social dimensions of sustainability in all film-related areas from production and scriptwriting to distribution and impact.

For: green consultants, sustainability coordinators
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu

TFL GreenFilmLab

Three-day residential sustainability workshops held in various European cities.

Participants apply green practices to their own projects, build a sustainability plan and simulate the certification process.

For: green consultants, sustainability coordinators

TorinoFilmLab

torinofilmlab.it



Distribution & Marketing

CICAE Arthouse Cinema Training

A one-week programme on arthouse cinema. It covers programming and audience development, business planning, fundraising and data analysis. Participants develop their own cinema-projects and network with exhibition experts.

For: exhibitors, cinema managers
CICAE
cicae.org

EAVE Marketing Workshop

A one-week training on film marketing where participants explore audience-driven strategies, international PR, social media and AI. They work in groups on real projects to develop concrete marketing plans.

For: producers, distributors, sales agents, marketing professionals
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

EPI Digital Distribution – Maximizing Reach & Revenues

A three-day course that helps producers and distributors navigate the changing distribution landscape. Participants work through case studies, group exercises and expert-led discussions to develop practical distribution strategies.

For: producers, distributors
Erich Pommer Institut
epi.media

Market Ready

A five-day module that teaches distribution, marketing, packaging, pitching, negotiating and sales strategies for feature films, documentaries, and TV projects, supported by individual mentoring.

For: producers, distributors, sales agents
International Screen Institute
screeninstitute.eu

TIES THAT BIND Europe-Asia Hub – Distribution Lab

A four-day hybrid lab for European and Asian distributors. Participants exchange best practices around distributing European films in Asia and Asian films in Europe, explore new business models and analyze market-specific strategies.

For: distributors, sales agents
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

TIES THAT BIND Europe-Asia Hub – Sales Lab

A four-day hybrid lab for European sales agents. It helps them develop effective Asia-focused sales strategies, navigate the fragmented Asian market and connect with a network of Asian buyers interested in European content.

For: distributors, sales agents
EAVE - European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs
eave.org

Mentoring & Networking

Emerging Filmmakers

Berlinale Talents

A five-day talent development programme that fosters sustainable connections among emerging filmmakers and series creators from around the world. They aim to empower them through mentorship and networking.

For: producers, directors, writers, DoP, distributors, sales agents, audience designers, critics, editors, actors, production designers, composers, sound designers
Berlinale, Kulturveranstaltungen des Bundes in Berlin
berlinale-talents.de

Emerging Filmmakers

Cannes Makers

A three-day mentoring initiative for young professionals under 30 who aspire to careers in international film sales, distribution and marketing. It offers immersive training, expert group sessions and networking opportunities.

For: film professionals under 30 years from sales, distribution, international promotion, students
Marché du Film
marchedufilm.com

Documentary Emerging Filmmakers

Emerging Producers

A year-long programme for emerging documentary producers. They get support in navigating the international documentary market, focusing on co-production, financing and long-term professional growth.

For: producers
DOC.DREAM services s.r.o.
ep.ji-hlava.com

Documentary Emerging Filmmakers

IDFAcademy

A four-day programme for emerging documentary directors and producers. They attend talks, round tables and group sessions during IDFA, covering industry trends, co-production, editing, financing, festival strategy and more.

For: directors, producers
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam
professionals.idfa.nl

Emerging Filmmakers

IFFR Pro Talent Development

A five-day workshop for emerging producers to refine their co-producing skills, build international networks and immerse themselves in the dynamics of a major festival and co-production market.

For: producers
International Film Festival Rotterdam
iffr.com

MEDICI – The Film Funding Journey

A four-day workshop for senior professionals and decision-makers in film funding institutions. It offers peer-to-peer exchange on policy, strategy and emerging challenges in the audiovisual funding sector.

For: film funding professionals
FOCAL
focal.ch

Emerging Filmmakers Shorts

TalentBridge

A hybrid training and mentoring programme designed to support emerging European filmmakers as they transition from short-form projects to sustainable careers in the audiovisual industry.



For: directors, producers
T-Port
tportmarket.com



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