Romania Cash Rebate

Producer briefing | Framework for the session opened in 2024

30% of eligible Romanian expenditure
A conditional state-aid reimbursement, not an automatic tax refund. Eligibility, approval and payment are separate matters.

Published legal framework

The scheme is governed by Government Decision 421/2018, as amended, and OFIC Decision 659/2024 with its consolidated procedure. OFIC administers the programme. This briefing reflects the published rules reviewed on the date above; it does not confirm an open application window or remaining funds.

Key published parameters

The procedure provides a 30% reimbursement and a EUR 10 million maximum per project. Financing applications are due within 60 working days of the last relevant Romanian shooting or eligible-activity day, and no later than 1 November 2026. Agreements may be signed until 31 December 2026. Payment applications are due within nine months of the agreement, no later than 1 November 2028. Annual budget credits constrain awards and payments. Check for subsequent amendments and OFIC notices before relying on these dates.

Cultural eligibility

OFIC Decision 660/2024 requires at least 18 points in a 49-point cultural test. Passing it alone does not establish overall eligibility. Advertising and promotional works are excluded; other exclusions and project conditions must also be checked. See the separate Cultural Test Briefing.

Availability and payment

A legal framework, an eligibility certificate, a funding agreement and money received are distinct stages. This document makes no claim that a particular project has been paid, that funds remain available, or that payment will arrive on a predictable date.

Planning the application

A working checklist for discussion with your Romanian production partner.

Before committing expenditure

Identify the applicant and contracting structure. Check company-level eligibility, the production category, the applicable minimum spend, excluded costs and any other public support. Confirm registration timing against the proposed spend schedule. Obtain written clarification where the treatment of a cost or activity is uncertain.

Prepare a traceable project file

Bring together the script and required Romanian-language material, rights and production agreements, financing plan, Romanian budget, schedule, proposed cultural-test evidence and supplier arrangements. Use current OFIC forms. Keep contracts, invoices, payment evidence and accounting records aligned with the approved project.

Plan for verification and cash flow

Discuss audit requirements, final deliverables and monitoring obligations before the shoot. Document changes to the script, team, spend and timetable. Agree a financing plan that can cover the production without assuming reimbursement will arrive by a particular date.

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Contact us to discuss the Romanian production brief, local costs and coordination needs. Any application-management work, audit or specialist legal/accounting support requires a separately agreed scope.

Official references

[1] OFIC Decision 659/2024 - consolidated procedure

[2] OFIC Decision 660/2024 - cultural criteria and exclusions

[3] OFIC - current notices, forms and programme information

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