

# THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FILMS ON ARTS | 41ST EDITION

**TECHNICAL GUIDELINES: FILM ASSETS** 

This documentation will provide you with essential information regarding the assets to deliver to Le FIFA for the in theatres projections of your film. *IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FOLLOW THESE SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE INFORM US BY EMAIL AT technique@lefifa.com.* 

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#### 1 Version to deliver and subtitles

Unless Le FIFA's programming team has mentioned a specific version of the film to deliver. Here are the rules that will let you determine what version to deliver.

- The film delivered must be accessible to French-speaking and/or English-speaking viewers.
- We always favour the original audio track (no dubbing ideally)
- If the film is available to both French-speaking and English-speaking viewers, we favour the French-speaking version.
- You can provide subtitles.

Here are some additional rules specific to the support type

- <u>DCP</u>: the subtitles must be **included in the OV DCP** (Original Version) **or the VF DCP** (Version File/supplemental package) but not as a separate subtitle file.
- <u>ProRes</u> or <u>h264</u>: the subtitles may be **burnt in or available as a separate file** (the subtitle file must respect our specifications; see section 5 of this document).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE VERSION TO PROVIDE PLEASE LET US KNOW (technique@lefifa.com).

#### 2 Assets to deliver

- > DCP (if available)
- > ProRes video file or DNxHD (if available)
- ➤ H.264 video file with embedded audio
- Subtitles (if necessary)
- > Trailer or excerpt

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THE ASSETS PROVIDED START WITH COLOUR BARS OR A COUNTDOWN (technique@lefifa.com).

# 3 Delivery mode

Here are the two options to deliver the assets.

- You can send a download link to <u>technique@lefifa.com</u>. We recommend the following services: <u>Filemail</u>,
   <u>CineSend Files</u>, <u>SwissTransfer</u> or <u>Aspera</u>.
- We do not have an FTP server, but you can **upload** the file to our Filemail account using the following upload link: <a href="https://lefifa.filemail.com">https://lefifa.filemail.com</a> (see appendix A for more information).

### 4 File specifications

#### 4.1 ProRes

- Video codecs: ProRes422 or ProRes422HQ (or DNxHD)
- 5.1 Mix + Stereo downmix this audio configuration is preferable but not essential.

For the audio streams, it is preferable to follow this order; please identify your streams:

- Stream 1—Left (FL)
- Stream 2—Right (FR)
- Stream 3—Centre (FC)
- Stream 4—Low Frequency Effects (LFE)
- Stream 5—Left Surround (BL)
- Stream 6—Right Surround (BR)
- Stream 7—Down mix Left (DL)
- Stream 8—Down mix Right (DR)

IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU INFORM US IF YOUR ASSETS DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS (technique@lefifa.com).

#### 4.2 H264

Resolution: 1920 x 1080 px

• Aspect ratio: Original aspect ratio matted within a 1920x1080 picture frame

• Frame rate: 30 fps or less

Video and audio codecs: H.264, AAC
Bitrate: 10,000 kbps or higher
Stereo mix (embedded in the file)

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## 5 Subtitle files specifications

The only formats accepted are .srt (SubRip) and .vtt (WebVTT); one file for each language. It is imperative that the subtitles be in perfect sync with the image (timecode starting at 00:00:00,000). IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PLEASE LET US KNOW (technique@lefifa.com).

We do not require closed captions (for the hearing impaired), but feel free to provide them if they are available.

# 6 Trailer or excerpt

For promotional purposes, a short trailer or excerpt (30-120 seconds) should be delivered in the following digitized formats:

- H264 with burnt-in subtitles (if necessary)
- ProRes without burnt-in subtitles.

The ProRes file will potentially be used to create our festival trailer.

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **FILEMAIL**

Here is the link upload link to Le FIFA's Filemail account: <a href="https://lefifa.filemail.com">https://lefifa.filemail.com</a>

If you have any issues related to Filemail, please consult their support page: <a href="https://support.filemail.com">https://support.filemail.com</a>. If you have any additional issues, please contact <a href="technique@lefifa.com">technique@lefifa.com</a>.

To accelerate the upload speed when using Filemail, you can install their desktop application. Here are the links:

- MacOs: https://www.filemail.com/apps/mac-file-transfer-app
- Windows: <a href="https://www.filemail.com/apps/windows-file-transfer-app-for-pc">https://www.filemail.com/apps/windows-file-transfer-app-for-pc</a>