

**EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
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## WHAT IS ESoDoc AND WHAT WE OFFER



Are you a media maker and want to make a difference with your work?

Are you a documentary filmmaker, graphic designer, programmer, game developer or journalist who wants to develop a documentary or transmedia project with a social, political or human rights issue in order to create awareness?

**ESoDoc - European Social Documentary** is the training initiative for **cross-thinkers** and **media professionals**

, who want to increase impact and outreach of their documentary projects,  
**using the power of media to encourage social change**

ESoDoc offers you **three intense one-week residential sessions** held over a period of six months, combined with **extended online sessions** for project tutoring, international coproduction and networking with festivals and other market events.

With the support of **top-rated professionals**, you will improve your **storytelling skills**, you will master the art of **project developing**

, **prototyping**

and

**pitching**

. You will discover

**new forms of team-building and networking**

and will get an insight in

**international coproduction**

, **financing**

and

**distribution strategies**

You will be tutored by a network of international experts on the development of your projects. Emphasis is placed on building up strong storytelling along with new production possibilities and communication tools. We explore **new funding and distribution strategies**, both on traditional channels as on new media channels, such as the web and the new crowdfunding platforms.

ESoDoc trains its participants to be better equipped for the challenges of the changing audiovisual market, and enables the filmmakers to **better engage audiences across different platforms** and **maximize the outreach and impact** of the projects.

The workshop is **open for professional with or without an own project**. Participants without a project will team up during the first session with a participant with a project. All participants who want to develop a crossmedia project are asked to have a graphic designer in their team by the second session.

### DATES AND VENUES

Dates of ESoDoc 2016:

Session 1: **May 3-9, 2016 - Trömso, Norway**

Session 2: **June 20-26, 2016 - Goldrain, Italy**

Session 3: **mid-September 2016 - Palermo, Italy** (t.b.c.)

### WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

During the three sessions you will:

- assist **ground-breaking lectures** from prominent worldwide professionals and discover what is new, controversial and seminal in documentary film making;
- **work individually (one-to-one meetings) and in groups** to develop your documentary or cross-media project;
  - take **practical courses** in storytelling/writing techniques, cross-media production, participatory media;
  - get trained in **pitching skills** and present their projects in front of renowned experts at the **final public pitching session**, as well as during one-to-one meetings;
  - participate to the **extended online sessions** for project tutoring and networking with festivals and other market events.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

ESoDoc participants are committed to social issues and eager to explore new creative forms and communication strategies.

We are looking for **documentary filmmakers, graphic designers, programmers, game developers, journalists and NGO-communication representatives**.

We can accept up to four **participants from non-EU countries**.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

The cost per participant is **1.200,00 Euro** (600,00 Euro for participants from new member states). This covers **tuition, room and board**. Please note that accommodation might be in single or a shared double room, according to availability. Travel expenses are not included.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Four (4) full scholarships are available. A "*full scholarship*" would cover the enrollment fee AND the travel costs for all three sessions. In case of a high number of scholarship requests, we might assign a "*partial scholarship*", which would cover the enrollment fee OR the travel costs.

If you want to access scholarship funding, **you must provide 1 copy of your latest official tax return** together with your application. No other kind of document shall be considered.

## READY TO APPLY?

Great! Then [go to the application form](#) or follow [this link](#) to check the guidelines for application!

Otherwise, if you have questions, check the [FAQ section](#) or [contact us](#) .

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