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IMAGO letter of support for Slovenian Society of Cinematographers.

Dear friends,

IMAGO, the International Federation of Cinematographer has followed the recent worrying developments in the Slovenian film industry in connection to the delayed finances from the Slovenian Government to The Slovenian Film Centre.

The fact that since March 2020 the finances have been delayed or stopped, even on the projects that are already selected during the period of last three years is a violation of legitimate expectation of the producers and workers of the Slovenian film industry.

IMAGO as an umbrella organisation of cinematographers worldwide monitors the wellbeing of our membership globally and we have been made aware of the grave situation that these actions are causing to our Slovenian members.

*As Covid-19 has affected filmmakers everywhere, our Slovenian members who are*

*already imperiled by the restrictions and cancellations due to the global pandemic,* will be facing a precarious future due to the delay of film funding in Slovenia. In addition, if Slovenian Government is withholding funds from Creative Europe Media and Eurimages supported projects, it is forcing local producers into breach of contract with these funding bodies, which can result in the termination of support to both the film producers but also eventually to the country itself.

As part of the European Union, Slovenia has signed international agreements that prohibit actions that endanger social security and working conditions of its citizens and the aforementioned actions are in direct violation of the pillar principles of the EU.

IMAGO urges the Slovenian Government to restore the trust in it's commitment to its citizens, who are also IMAGO members and immediately redress the funding that has been withheld.

Yours sincerely in support of the Slovenian Arts community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Johanson', is positioned above the typed name.

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Interim Chair Imago  
On behalf of the Imago Board