Rotterdam Lab 2027 - Film Producer Opportunity

S4C invites applications for one producer to attend **Rotterdam Lab** at the International Film Festival Rotterdam, from 29 January to 3 February 2027.

Rotterdam Lab is an international professional development programme for emerging producers. Its five full days of masterclasses, panels, roundtables, workshops and case studies feature more than 45 industry professionals as participating speakers. The programme covers the full life cycle of a film, from early development to premiere and distribution, with co-production at its heart.

Through Sinema Cymru, a scheme supported by S4C and the Welsh Government via Creative Wales, we want to support producers with a clear creative sensibility and the ambition to develop Welsh-language cinema.

We are aware that this opportunity is at short notice, therefore we have kept the requirements brief and proportionate.

Who should apply?

We welcome applications from producers working independently or through a production company in Wales who are developing a feature-film slate and want to strengthen their understanding of international financing, co-production, sales and distribution. You may already have film-producing credits or be progressing towards your first feature from another medium.

Applications should nominate one individual producer to attend.

Producers who have previously attended Rotterdam Lab are not eligible to apply.

What to submit

Please submit a single PDF containing:

- **A short producer biography** - up to 250 words. Outline your experience on relevant projects. You may include links to completed work, with passwords where required.
- **A short company biography, if applicable** - up to 150 words. Describe the company's focus and recent credits.
- **Details of up to three feature films (non documentery) in development**. For each, include a title, logline of up to 25 words, synopsis up to 200 words, language, genre and current development stage. Identify any attached writer, director or partners.
- **A statement of interest** - up to 400 words. Please address the following; short paragraphs or bullet points are welcome:

  - What films and filmmakers inspire you, and how is that reflected in the work you choose to develop?

  - What are your ambitions for your feature-film slate?

- Why is Rotterdam Lab the right opportunity for you now? What gaps in experience or professional relationships would it help address, and how would you put what you gain into practice?

- Your contact details and confirmation that you can attend the full programme.

No new pitch decks, treatments or other supporting materials are required.

How applications will be considered

The producer will be selected following a joint assessment by S4C, Creative Wales and Ffilm Cymru. We will consider the potential of the applicant's slate, alongside how participation could advance their producing career and strengthen Welsh-language cinema.

Support and attendance

- Sinema Cymru will cover the participation fee, which includes six nights accommodation in a festival hotel, in a single occupancy room.
- Travel and associated expenses will be covered in accordance with S4C's travel and expenses policy.
- The selected producer will receive a CineMart Accreditation Badge.
- Participants will also be mentioned in a number of online IFFR Pro publications and the Rotterdam Lab Reader.

Cinemart Badge Access Privileges:

- Up to 20 film tickets for the festival programme
- Darkroom Spotlight events
- Set meetings with the projects in the market
- Pro Connect: the directory of professional attendees
- Daily CineMart networking lunches
- Daily IFFR Pro industry networking drinks
- Filmmakers Party and Pro Industry Party

How to apply

Please email your application to **syniad@s4c.cymru**, using the subject line

"Rotterdam Lab 2027 — Cais".

Deadline: 12:00 noon on Monday 16th of November 2026.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email no later than Wednesday, 18 November S4C reserves the right not to award.

The successful producer will be required to confirm their availability for the full programme and agree participation terms with S4C.