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The Fondazione Mediterraneo - network for dialogue among societies and culture - is an international non-profit Organisation of Social Utility (Onlus) planned in 1991 by Michele Capasso and established in 1994 in Naples with the aim of promoting dialogue and peace in Mediterranean areas and all around the world. It includes specialists and internationally recognised scholars on the Mediterranean, politicians with international and diplomatic experience, and who have been involved in actions to promote dialogue and peace.

Since the beginning Fondazione Mediterraneo paid attention to audiovisual works and in particular to the sponsorship of young Euro-Mediterranean directors. Since 1996 it collaborates with Alpe Adria Cinema in the organization of the *Triestefilmfestival*, the Cinema of Central and Eastern Europe, assigning every year the *International Award "Laboratorio Mediterraneo"* and the *Mediterranean Cinema Award* to the best short-film in contest. Since 2001 it collaborates with the *Napolifilmfestival* in the organization of this independent film festival.

Fondazione was the main actor of two important cinema projects co-financed by European Union: *CINEMAMED* and *EUROMEDCAFE*

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