Bogota is located in the center of America. Bogota Region’s GDP is larger than that of many countries. Latin America GDP – 2018 – USD Bn

- Bogota Region: 104
- Dominican Republic: 81
- Panama: 66
- Costa Rica: 61
- Uruguay: 61

3.6% was the city average GDP growth in the last ten years.

Bogota is a City of Business

3rd Latin American airport in passenger traffic

44 international direct flights connections

5 hours from New York, Mexico City and Sao Paulo

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- Cost of living
- Business environment
- Housing market

Foreign direct investment in the Creative Industries cluster between January 2008 and December 2018

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Source: fDi Intelligence, from the Financial Times Ltd. 2019

**Total % of GDP of Creative Industries in Colombia**: 3.2%

**More than 528 thousand of jobs related** to the Creative Industry in Colombia in 2020.

**USD 12.5 Bn** represents the total of the GDP generated by the Creative Industry in Bogotá in 2019 and represents 5.2% of the GDP of the city.

**Bogota** is top lead in terms of graduates for Creative Industries sector and has the largest educational offering for the Audiovisual Industry segment with **34.3% in 2019** (followed by Antioquia: 18.6%, Valle del Cauca: 7.9%, Atlántico: 6.1%, Santander: 4.3%, and others: 28.8%).

**The number of people employed in the Orange Economy represents 2.66% of the total number of people employed nationwide.**

**65.9% Bogota Region**

A friendly city for the creative industries

The promotion of creative industries is a common goal shared by the local and national government. This is a key sector in the attraction of foreign direct investment, and several regulations have been issued in order to provide incentives and facilitate the landing of national and foreign investors.

**Sales tax (V.A.T) exemption or refund**

Services rendered in the country and used exclusively abroad by companies or individuals without businesses or activities in Colombia, are exempted from the VAT or are entitled to a refund.

**Real productive asset purchase incentive**

Those responsible for the payment of the VAT have the possibility to deduct their income tax and 100% of the VAT paid in the purchase, construction, or creation and import of productive real fixed assets, including expenses incurred in associated services required to make those assets fit for use.

**Colombian Holding Companies (CHC)**

This incentive applies to Colombian entities that hold shares and invest in shares in Colombia and abroad.

In order to obtain this benefit, companies must have direct or indirect participation in, at least, the 10% of the capital of those companies for a period of 12 months or more.

**Benefits**

- The dividends distributed by foreign companies to CHCs are tax exempt.
- Profits from the sale of foreign company shares by a CHC are also tax exempt.
- Dividends distributed by the CHC to its non-resident shareholders, or CHC share transfers by its shareholders not living in Colombia, are also tax exempt.
- CHC dividend distributions to shareholders living in Colombia, as well as the sale of CHC shares by shareholders living in Colombia, will also be tax exempt.

**Income tax exemption**

- Companies developing activities labelled as “orange economy” can apply to an income tax exemption benefit for 7 years.
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And welcoming with the production industry

Audiovisual incentives

40–20%

**FFC:** Colombia offers a refund for films wholly or partially shot in Colombia. The same refund offered to films would apply to other audiovisual content.

40%

Of the value of the expenses incurred for cinematographic services (activities directly related to pre-production, production and post-production of cinematographic works including artistic and technical services).

20%

Of the values incurred in cinematographic logistics services (hotel, food and transport).

Important facts about the incentive:

- Extension of Law until July 2032.
- Both CINA and FFC incentives can be awarded to other formats/genres of audiovisual content.

Important facts of the incentive:

- The project in question shall entail expenditures in film services or film logistics services of approximately USD 470,000 (TRM 1 USD = 3,000 COP)
- Easy Application

Minority sector companies have chosen Bogota as headquarters for their operations and for serving Latin American markets.

Bogota Multilocation

Due to its privileged location, Bogota have on its outskirts (no more than 2 hr ride) every climate.

- Desert climate: 45 min car ride
- Tropical forest: 1.5 hr car ride
- Waterfalls: 1 hr car ride
- City slums
- Historic center
- International center
- Netflix, Mediapro, Sony, HBO, Secuoya, Discovery Networks, Folks VFX.
New Transferable tax credit CINA

35%

Foreign audiovisual content of any genre totally or partially produced or coproduced in Colombia can benefit from up to 35% tax deduction over the invested amount. Nonetheless, it is mandatory to obtain a previous approval issued by the “Colombian Film Promotion Committee”.

The Certificates of Audiovisual Invest in Colombia (CINA) were created for foreign investment projects. The audiovisual projects eligible for the CINA are:

- Film Works.
- Series.
- Music Videos.
- Video Games.
- Advertising Audiovisual Production.
- The postproduction component is covered by this incentive (Minimum amount spent USD 95,000).

General application documents:
The project shall be submitted through the platform provided, including a digital copy of all the following documents and information:

- Application form.
- Identity document of the legal representative.
- Certificate of existence and representation of the production company.
- Curricular description of the producer of the applicant company.
- Certification of non-application or participation in another benefit mechanism for the audiovisual industry in Colombia.
- Certification that the producer is not a declarant in Colombia.
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