Bogota, the new hub for creative industries in the region

Colombia is an important and competitive actor for creative and cultural industries in Latin America.

With 3.3% of GDP, the creative and cultural economy contributes more than traditional items, such as coffee.

GDP of the Creative Industries in Colombia and % of Total GDP (COP Millions)

With 8,730 companies in the creative and cultural industries sector, Bogota represents more than a quarter of the value chain for the sector in the country.

Bogota is the Latin American city that attracted the most greenfield investment in creative industries between 2007 and 2017.
The audiovisual sector in Bogota

The main activity of 40% of the 8,730 companies on the Bogota’s creative industries business ecosystem, is the production, transmission and/or post - production of content for the audiovisual sector.


Bogota, a dynamic and attractive market for the creative and cultural industries

As a market, Bogota represents 37% of national expenditure in terms of per-capita consumption. This is reflected in a growing middle class (51.6% of its population) that positions the city as the highest consumption center for entertainment and moviegoers.

Between 2010 and 2016, Bogota graduated more than half of the professionals related to the creative and cultural industries careers in Colombia, which means that there is huge potential for the scalability of operations in the city.

Source: SNIES - Ministry of Education of Colombia, years 2010 - 2016.

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

Tax & Legal Incentives

- **Law 1556 of 2012**: 40% cash rebate of filming services and 20% cash rebate of logistics costs contracted with suppliers based in Colombia.
- **VAT refund**: International audiovisual productions may request exemption or refund of VAT paid on services purchased in Colombia.
- **Law 814 of 2003**: Film Law for investors and donors. Deduction of COP 165 of income per COP 100 invested or donated.
- **Film Development Fund Incentives**: Monetary incentives through bidding processes for all film activities; or automatically for promotion and participation in festivals.

Graduates in Bogota

- **Bogota**: 59%
- **Medellin**: 10%
- **Others**: 10%
- **Cali**: 4%
- **Barranquilla**: 17%

Percentage of Box Office Sales


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