

# Sustainability in Castle Film Studios

## Short history

Castel Film Studios was born from the love of making movies in Romania. With a rich history in film dating back to the 90s, the twenty-first century has thrust Romania to the forefront of international motion picture production. Producers from around the globe have brought their projects to Romania because of the wide variety of available locations, low-cost, high-quality set construction and, experienced, reliable crews and talent.



Castel Film Studios has made films for audiences around the world to enjoy. As a service provider they have already generated over 250 international feature films, more than 1000 hours of foreign and domestic television content and more than 800 commercials. They offer a broad range state-of-art filming equipment, camera, lighting, grip, costumes, props, transportation and logistics, set construction, costume manufacturing and design, catering and craft for features, television, video and commercial production.

## Measures in order to become more green

When it comes to the subject of sustainability, as seen during the study visit that took place in June 2018 in the Green Screen project, they have taken several steps and implemented measures in order to become more green:



- The use of LED light – the production company is trying to limit the use of classic tungsten lamps and has acquired several LED installations to be used during shoots. They have seen quite an improvement with the new technology which is more eco-friendly and they intend to keep replacing the equipment in the years to come. For now, the cost of the new generation LED light can sometime be prohibitive, but the result as worth it.
- Set & material reuse & recycle – Castel Film is renowned for its props and clothing department. They use on-site storage facilities that help them keep the props, clothes and materials used in their movies. The majority of these items gets



to be reused later on or is leased to other studios (both local and international ones) and to smaller production companies. They try to reuse as much as possible because this helps them cut a lot of costs and it reduces the waste that they produce. Outside sets such as buildings are also kept and used in various projects. Their storage facilities contain items such as clothing and shoes, furniture, lighting fixtures, decoration, paintings, small objects.

- Preventing food waste and using ceramic plates and steel cutlery – In order to be more sustainable, Castel Film has opted to have an on-site cafeteria for all their catering needs during the shoots. The food is cooked in this facility and they only use steel cutlery, ceramic plates & mugs and water fountains. They try to reduce waste as much as possible and have implemented a system of selective collection. For instance, all of the organic leftovers are being collected and used as compost.



All their efforts have proven eco-friendly and cost-efficient and we think that this is an inspiration to the industry stakeholders from all regions of Europe and the project partners as well.

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