

HAMBURG PRODUCERS AWARD GERMAN SERIES

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Being a producer can take many different forms. It can be loud or quiet, visible or almost invisible. But ultimately, it's always about taking responsibility, bringing the right people together and creating the conditions in which something special can grow.

And sometimes, this responsibility takes on yet another dimension. Our winning project is one such example. It tackles a real-life event that has become deeply ingrained in our collective memory. An event whose outcome we all know – and yet whose story has not yet been fully told.

Intensive research was carried out over several years, involving legal advisers, terrorism experts, investigators from the state security services, victims' organisations and former members of the Islamist scene. The series focuses primarily on state institutions and their failings. However, it also dares to get very close to the perpetrators and the mechanisms of radicalisation.

This led to intense discussion amongst us on the jury. After all, with subject matter of this kind, the question also arises as to which perspectives are adopted, which images are presented to the world through it, and how these might be interpreted or even appropriated outside the series. That is precisely why, for us, the responsibility for such a project does not end with its completion. It continues to require careful contextualisation and communication that clarifies the context and complexity of the subject matter.

At the same time, we were impressed by the consistency of the execution: the distinctive visual language, the high cinematic quality, an outstanding cast and the high standard across all departments. Developing and holding together such a project over the years, whilst also taking risks, has won us over.

And that is why the Hamburg Producers Award for German Series goes to Simon Amberger, Korbinian Dufter and Rafael Parente/NEUESUPER for *Blindspot Berlin*.

Congratulations!