

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2025

- 09:00-12:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
cocoLAB: Individual Pitch Prep and Tech Check (by appointment)
- 10:30-12:00** ■ from Stadthaus/ Entrance
Field Trip to the Pyramids of Cottbus
- 12:30-13:45** ■ Restaurant Brau & Bistro
Networking Lunch (by invitation only)
- 14:00-16:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
cocoLAB: Individual Project Feedback (by appointment)
with Isona Admetlla, Melanie Blocksdorf, Gabriele Brunnenmeyer, Arnaud Chevallier, Martin Hampel, Xavier Henri-Rashid, Naomi Levari, Daria Moheb-Zandi, Daniel Vadocky
- 14:00-16:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Montreuil
cocoLAB: East-West Emerging Producers Exchange (closed session)
with Saar Yogev
- 16:00-16:30** ■ Stadthaus/ 1st Floor
Welcome Coffee & Pastry
- 16:30-18:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
**Producing Now: Updates from coco Countries
New Opportunities & Challenges for Independent Producers**
New film laws? Funding innovations and cuts? International creative relationships strained or severed by political and economic crises, by wars? Political influence of the far right? Threat of US tariffs for service producers? What else?
- We invite producers to share industry news from their various countries, and their own professional news, with others present in Cottbus. In these times of persistent change, how are independent producers developing new strategies in their choices of next projects and their planning of sustainable businesses?
- with Volia Chajkouskaya (producer, Belarus), Melanie Blocksdorf (Schiwago Film, Germany), Ivo Felt (Allfilm, Estonia), Stelios Mavrodontis (Filmiki, Greece), Tonia Mishiali (Bark Like a Cat, Cyprus), Justinas Pocius (Smart Casual, Lithuania), Eugene Rachkovsky (Tabor Production, Ukraine), Jakub Viktorin (Nutprodukcja, Slovakia), moderated by Simon Perry (ACE Producers)
- 18:15-19:15** ■ Stadthaus/ Zielona Góra
Polish-German-Czech Producers Round Table (by invitation only)
connecting cottbus regularly brings professionals from Poland and Germany together in a think-tank environment. Czech producers are invited to join the conversation and explore the potential of regional partnerships, with a focus on possible challenges and benefits while sharing the experience of existing co-productions.
in collaboration with New Horizons International Film Festival/Polish Days
- 18:15-19:15** ■ Stadthaus/ Montreuil
cocoLAB: East-West Emerging Producers Exchange (closed session)
with Lenka Tyrpáková
- 20:00-22:00** ■ Bellessa
coco WARM-UP (by invitation only)
Celebrating Estonian cinema and filmmakers at the FilmFestival Cottbus.
hosted by Estonian Film Institute & Estonian Embassy in Berlin

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025

- 09:00-10:15** ■ Stadthaus/ Montreuil
cocoLAB: East-West Emerging Producers Exchange (closed session)
with Isona Admetlla
in collaboration with Creative Europe Desk Berlin-Brandenburg
- 09:30-12:00** ■ Kammerbühne
cocoWIP Screening (by invitation only)
Presentation of work-in-progress projects at the cinema and online.
- 09:30-10:15** ■ Stadthaus/ 1st Floor
Morning Mingle
Coffee and ginger shots *hosted by* PITCH_IT
- 10:15-11:45** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
connectingPOINT
An organised networking session between coco participants and filmmakers from FilmFestival Cottbus.
- 12:00-13:00** ■ from Stadthaus/ Entrance
cocoWALK
Guided walking tour to explore the historical centre of Cottbus – join us for some fresh air and discover the city's hidden treasures as well as its enduring Sorbian legacy.
- 13:00-14:00** ■ Restaurant Roma
Networking Lunch (by invitation only)
- 14:00-14:15** ■ Stadthaus/ 1st Floor
Coffee
- 14:15-16:45** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
Official Welcome & cocoPITCH
Presentation of projects in development including coffee break.
- 16:45-17:30** ■ coco online platform
**Request your one2one meetings &
Vote for cocoPITCH Audience Award**
- 17:00-17:45** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
focusCOCO
In brief case studies with filmmakers and industry experts, focusCOCO looks at the progress of recent coco alumni projects and reflects on the current festival landscape.
with Simone Baumann (German Films), Tonia Mishiali (Bark Like A Cat Films, Cyprus), Dmytro Sukhanov (Toy Cinema, Ukraine), Ozan Yoleri (Vigo Film, Turkey)
moderated by Martin Blaney (Screen International)
- 17:45-18:30** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
cocoLAB: East-West Emerging Producers Exchange (closed session)
with Isona Admetlla
- 19:30-22:00** ■ Restaurant Zelig
Award Dinner (by invitation only)
hosted by Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg & MDM - Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung
- 21:00-00:00** ■ Bar Comicaze
coco & FFC Party
with Outloud Kollektiv

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025

- 09:00-16:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
one2one Meetings
Pre-scheduled on-site meetings.
- 10:20-11:20** ■ Stadthaus/ Zielona Góra
Presentation: Digital Marketing Tips for Your Film Premieres
with Charlotte Voillequin (Alphapanda)
- 11:40-12:40** ■ Stadthaus/ Zielona Góra
Panel: Close-Up Estonia
Estonian cinema is as diverse as ever at this year's FilmFestival Cottbus. A conversation with Estonian filmmakers and producers about the present, future and content of Estonian cinema.
moderated by Andrei Liimets (journalist & FIPRESCI jury)
in collaboration with FilmFestival Cottbus & FIPRESCI
- 12:00-13:00** ■ Stadthaus/ Montreuil
cocoLAB: East-West Emerging Producers Exchange (closed session)
with Antoine Simkine
- 12:20-14:20** ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
cocoLAB: Notes on Marketing for cocoWIP projects (by appointment)
with Charlotte Voillequin
- 13:00-14:40** ■ Stadthaus/ 1st Floor
Light Lunch Reception
hosted by Slovenian Film Centre & SKICA Berlin
- 13:40-14:40** ■ Stadthaus/ Zielona Góra
Talk: Producing in the Age of AI: Building the New Creative Reality
AI is rapidly transforming the way films are developed, produced, and consumed. This session explores what producers need to understand about the current tools and offers practical ways to integrate them into production workflows, from concept to post, while balancing efficiency, creativity, and legal responsibility. It aims to help producers stay relevant and informed as new pipelines and practices reshape the industry.
with Matt Szymanowski (Bear & Bot)
in collaboration with Erich Pommer Institut
- 15:30-17:00** ■ Stadthaus/ 1st Floor
Farewell Drinks & Pickles

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025

- 10:00-16:00 CET** ■ coco online platform
Online one2one Meetings
Pre-scheduled online meetings.

