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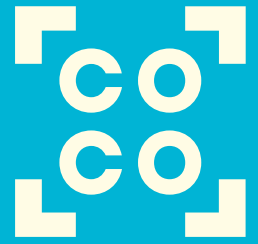
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connecting east-west co-production market
cottbus at FilmFestival Cottbus

WELCOME TO COCO 2021 hybrid edition!



We are happy to have you with us, whether online or in Cottbus.
You will find more info about our market activities on the following pages.

We wish you inspiring and productive days
at the 23rd edition of connecting cottbus!

Stay safe and let's all look out for one another.

COCO ONLINE PLATFORM

<https://meeting.connecting-cottbus.de>

On this [LINK], you will find all relevant
information you need to navigate coco this year:

- Project info in our Pitchbook
- Participants list
- Request meetings with projects or other market guests
- Your personal agenda

If you need assistance with your meetings,
don't hesitate to contact Masha and Luka
at matchmaking@connecting-cottbus.de

PROJECT PREP DAYS FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2021



09:30–10:30 ■ [zoom meeting \[LINK\]](#)
Intro Round for cocoPITCH & cocoWIP
(only for project representatives)
with the coco team

10:30-12:00 ■ [zoom meeting \[LINK\]](#)
Talk: Leadership and Resilience
How to steer your company & your projects through turbulent times
What's next after the year we've had and what's the best way to look after yourself and your team? What are the skills that make some come back from challenges better not bitter, stronger, not weaker? And how can we lead teams and support them in keeping up a stress-resistant attitude in tough times? As we come through periods of change, our minds and our habits can create barriers or bridges to a better future, it's down to self-managed and self-motivated learning.
with Michael Comyn, The Time Signal Ltd.
in collaboration with EAVE

TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2021

14:30-16:30 ■ [zoom meeting \[LINK\]](#)
cocoLAB: Individual Project Feedback cocoWIP
(only for cocoWIP project representatives)
one2one feedback sessions about marketing strategy
with Christina Pelekani, Endorphin Film Sales

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021



09:00-11:00 ■ [coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

cocoWIP Online Screening

(by invitation only, access code on your personal agenda)

Presentation of work-in-progress projects with the filmmakers.

THE ART OF FALLING (Bulgaria), KLONDIKE (Ukraine/Turkey),

M (North Macedonia/Croatia/Kosovo/France), AIR BLUE SILK (Georgia),

THE WORD (Czech Republic/Poland/Slovakia), LIUBEN (Spain/Bulgaria)

09:30-11:00 ■ [airmeet \[LINK\]](#)

connectingPOINT

An organised networking session between coco participants, representatives from companies and initiatives active in film tech or green production as well as filmmakers from FilmFestival Cottbus and Talent Nest Vilnius.

with Radka Babincová (Bright Side Pictures), Evgenia Borisova (Cinezen),

Amos Geva (T-Port), Andrea Giannone (Filmmarket Hub), Birgit Heidsiek

(Green Film Shooting), Ole Hellwig (notsold), Marina Lazarevska (Cinesquare/Cutaway), Luz Molina (Eureca/Promálaga), Dörte Schneider (ecoeco),

Antoine Simkine (Artyflix)

in collaboration with CE Media Desk Berlin Brandenburg & Meeting Point Vilnius

09:30-12:00 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

cocoLAB: Individual Project Feedback cocoPITCH

30-minute one2one feedback sessions between industry experts and cocoPITCH projects

with Martina Bleis, Viktorija Cook, Weronika Czołnowska, Martin Hampel,

Daria Moheb-Zandi, Simon Perry, Álvaro Vega, Saar Yogev

11:00 - 13:00 ■ [coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

Request your one2one online meetings for cocoWIP

12:00-13:15 ■ Restaurant Roma

Networking Lunch (for project and cocoLAB participants only)

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021



13:30-14:30 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

Interactive Session:

Personal Networks - Who Are Your Most Valued Professional Partners?

The aim of this discussion is for you, as an independent producer, to identify the industry professionals with whom you have the most consistently important relationships – project-by-project and long term. Who have you found to be the most stimulating or supportive partners in what you are trying to achieve? Are they film fund executives, commissioning editors, sales agents, distributors, talent agents, other producers? Exchanging your stories and ideas on your personal network approach could open up new and useful perspectives, and enrich your own way of working.

with Simon Perry, ACE Producers Senior Consultant

15:30-17:00 ■ from Stadthaus/ entrance

connectingWALK

Guided walking tour to explore the historical center of Cottbus – join us for some fresh air and discover what makes this city special.

15:30-18:30 ■ [coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

one2one Online Meetings with cocoWIP projects

Meetings are pre-scheduled. You can request additional meetings and create your own agenda via the coco online platform.

20:00-22:00 ■ Bellessa

coco Warm-Up (by invitation only)

hosted by Slovak Film Institute

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021



09:30-12:30 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

Official Welcome & cocoPITCH

- in 2 blocks including coffee break -

BIKECHESS (France/Kazakhstan), CHINA SEA (Lithuania), HAPPINESS (Poland), HYSTERIA (Russia), ORTALAN (Ukraine), SHE (Poland), SMARAGDA (Cyprus), THE BOMBER (Latvia), THE WAYS WE LOOK AT THE SUN (Romania), THE WHITE MARE (Slovakia), THIS BEAUTIFUL NIGHT (Turkey), TUNDRA BLUES (Russia), VIRGINS (Croatia/North Macedonia), WE HAVEN'T MET (Belarus/Russia/Poland)

Stream of cocoPITCH projects available on the [coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

12:30-13:00 ■ Stadthaus/ Foyer & [coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

Request your one2one on-site meetings / Voting for Best Pitch

Hand in your meeting requests with cocoPITCH projects and vote for your favourite pitch

12:30-14:00 ■ Restaurant Lindner
Networking Lunch (by invitation only)
hosted by Polish Film Institute

13:30-16:00 ■ Stadthaus / Montreuil
Screening cocoWIP (by invitation only)
Request your one2one online meetings for cocoWIP here:
[coco online platform \[LINK\]](#)

14:00-15:00 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal
Funding News: Updates on Film Funding and Incentives in selected coco Countries

with Inese Boka-Grūbe (Producer, Latvia), Ilona Krupa (Polish Film Institute), Christopher Peter Marcich (Croatian Audiovisual Centre), Tonia Mishiali (Bark Like a Cat Films, Cyprus), Luis Renart (Bendita Films, Spain), Marketa Santrochova (Czech Film Center), Rastislav Steranka (Slovak Film Institute), moderated by Simone Baumann

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021



15:30-18:30 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

one2one Meetings

Pre-scheduled on-site meetings.

16:00-17:00 ■ [airmeet \[LINK\]](#)

Meet & Greet: Spotlight on Turkish Producers

In line with the FilmFestival Cottbus *Close Up TR* section presenting a spectrum of contemporary Turkish cinema this year, we invite you to an online networking session to get to know producers from Turkey working on exciting new projects.

in collaboration with Meetings on the Bridge

20:00-22:00 ■ Restaurant Zelig

Award Dinner (by invitation only)

hosted by Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg &
MDM - Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung

22:00-24:00 ■ Restaurant Zelig

Let's Celebrate! (by invitation only)

hosted by Transilvania International Film Festival

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021



09:30-12:00 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

one2one Meetings

Pre-scheduled on-site meetings.

10:00-11:00 ■ **zoom webinar** [\[LINK\]](#)

Focus coco

Focus coco looks at the progress of coco alumni projects. Six films are screened at FFC 2021, others are in the works or have made their way into festivals and cinemas this past year.

with Çağıl Bocut (director, Turkey), Leszek Bodzak (producer, Poland), Marija Dimitrova (producer, North Macedonia), Kateryna Gornostai (director, Ukraine), Vika Khomenko (producer, Ukraine), Marija Razgutė (producer, Lithuania), Janine Teerling (producer, Cyprus), Olena Yershova (producer, Ukraine/Turkey), moderated by Martin Blaney

12:00-13:00 ■ Stadthaus/Foyer & **coco online platform** [\[LINK\]](#)

Request one2one online meetings

Last chance to request online meetings for Monday, 8 Nov with projects

12:00-14:00 ■ Stadthaus/Foyer

Light Lunch Buffet

13:00-14:30 ■ Stadthaus/ Ratssaal

Polish-German-Czech Producers Roundtable

connecting cottbus regularly brings leading professionals and funders from Poland and Germany together in a think-tank environment. For the second time, Czech industry professionals 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 the Polish-German Film Fund, FilmFestival Cottbus, New Horizons International Film Festival / Polish Days, Czech Film Fund, Czech-German Fund for the Future, Finale Plzen, Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis

MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021



10:00-12:00 ■ **coco online platform** [\[LINK\]](#)
one2one Meetings
Pre-scheduled online meetings.

14:00-16:00 ■ **coco online platform** [\[LINK\]](#)
one2one Meetings
Pre-scheduled online meetings.



cocoLAB

The cocoLAB gives all coco project representatives the opportunity to meet with experts for feedback and advice on pitching, story development, financing, sales, marketing and social media strategies.

Experts

Martina Bleis connecting cottbus

Viktorija Cook In Script, Lithuania

Weronika Czołnowska New Horizons International Film Festival, Poland

Gabor Greiner Films Boutique, Germany

Martin Hampel Pallas Film / Twenty Twenty Vision, Germany

Daria Moheb-Zandi RBB, Germany

Christina Pelekani Endorphin Film Sales, Greece

Simon Perry Senior Consultant at ACE Producers, The Netherlands

Alvaro Vega DobleSentido, Spain

Saar Yogev Electric Sheep, Germany / Black Sheep Film Productions, Israel

cocoLOCATIONS

Stadthaus

Erich Kästner Platz 1

Guest Centre (Festival Zentrum)

Bahnhofstr. 75

Lindner Congress Hotel

Karl-Marx-Straße 68A

Restaurant Roma

Marktstraße 7

Bellessa

Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 36

Restaurant Zelig

Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 21

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FILMFESTIVAL COTTBUS

The FFC will take place from 2-7 November in Cottbus cinemas as well as online. As a coco participant on site, you can obtain tickets for screenings at the Guest Centre (Festival Zentrum) each day. In addition, you will receive a personalized access code for online film screenings via e-mail.

For more info on the on-site & online programme:

www.filmfestivalcottbus.de

coco FILMS at FilmFestival Cottbus 2021

Six films screening this year were once projects at coco – we're proud to have them back!

Feature Film Competition

LEAVE NO TRACES d: Jan P. Matuszyński (160 min)

Wed 03 NOV 14:00 Weltspiegel

Thur 04 NOV 20:00 Weltspiegel Saal 2

SPIRAL d: Cecilia Felméri (98 min)

Wed 03 NOV 21:00 Weltspiegel

Thur 04 NOV 17:00 Weltspiegel Saal 2

BRIGHTON 4TH d: Levan Koguashvili (95 min)

Fri 05 NOV 22:00 Weltspiegel

Sat 06 NOV 13:30 Weltspiegel Saal 2

U18 Youth Film Competition

GERANIUM d: Çağıl Bocut (81 min)

Thur 04 NOV 19:00 Kammerbühne

SISTERHOOD d: Dina Duma (90 min)

Fri 05 NOV 11:00 Weltspiegel

Sat 06 NOV 14:00 Kammerbühne

Specials

STOP-ZEMLIA d: Kateryna Gornostai (122 min)

Fri 05 NOV 11:30 Altes Stadthaus

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