

coco line-up 2022

connecting cottbus, the East-West co-production market at the FilmFestival Cottbus, presents this year's selection of projects in development and works in progress.

On 9-11 November, the **24th edition of connecting cottbus (coco)** will take place mainly on site with additional online components and we look forward to seeing you all again in Cottbus.

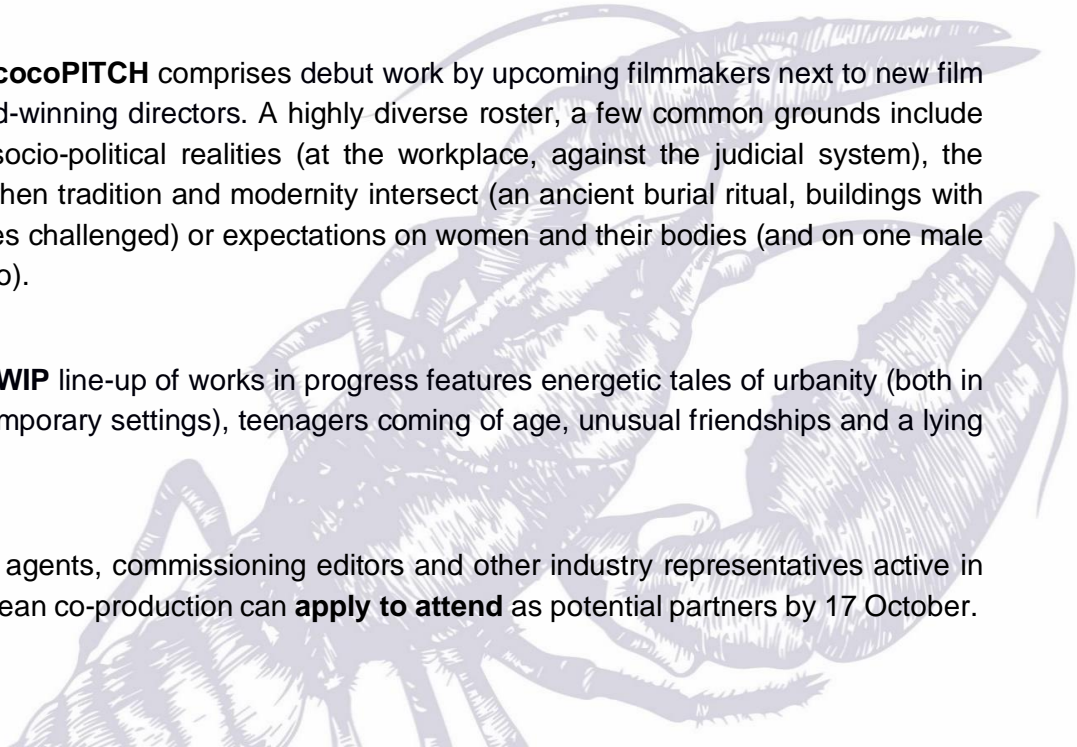
This year, coco presents an exciting **line-up of feature film projects** from 16 countries from wider Eastern Europe, which will be pitched and compete for a variety of awards. The producers and directors will take part in the cocoLAB in-depth feedback sessions with industry experts, while all participants can join networking events and a focused framework program on current co-production topics.

Recent connecting cottbus **alumni projects** released are KLONDIKE by Marina Er Gorbach (Ukraine/Turkey, Best Director Award at Sundance 2022), BUTTERFLY VISION by Maksym Nakonechnyi (Ukraine/Croatia/Sweden/Czech Republic, Un Certain Regard 2022), WOMAN ON THE ROOF by Anna Jadowska (Poland/France/Sweden, Tribeca 2022), THE WORD by Beata Parkanová (Czechia/Slovakia/Poland, Karlovy Vary Best Director Award 2022), VICTIM by Michal Blaško (Slovakia/Czech Republic/Germany, Venice Orizzonti 2022) and CARBON by Ion Borș (Moldova/Romania/Spain, San Sebastian 2022).

The selection of **cocoPITCH** comprises debut work by upcoming filmmakers next to new film projects by award-winning directors. A highly diverse roster, a few common grounds include a struggle with socio-political realities (at the workplace, against the judicial system), the crisis in values when tradition and modernity intersect (an ancient burial ritual, buildings with a past, family roles challenged) or expectations on women and their bodies (and on one male pregnant body too).

This year's **cocoWIP** line-up of works in progress features energetic tales of urbanity (both in period and contemporary settings), teenagers coming of age, unusual friendships and a lying husband.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives active in East-West European co-production can **apply to attend** as potential partners by 17 October.



Selected cocoPITCH Projects 2022:

ASPHALT | Greece, Slovenia | dir: Minos Nikolakakis
prod: Minos Nikolakakis, Vassilis Economou, Vicky Miha, Bostjan Virc |
Asphalt / asterisk* / Studio Virc

BLACK BLOOD | Czech Republic | dir: Beata Parkanová
prod: Ondřej Zach, Ozet Film

DECONSTRUCTION | Bulgaria, Italy | dir: Pavel G. Vesnakov
prod: Veselka Kirykova, Luigi Chimienti, Alessandro Amato | Red Carpet / Disparte

Midpoint - coco Award (Midpoint Feature Launch)
DOLPHIN | Poland | dir: Sonja Orlewicz-Zakrzewska
prod: Magdalena Sztorc | Before My Eyes

FIRES | Montenegro, Italy, Serbia, Croatia | dir: Nikola Ljuca
prod: Bojana Radulović, Manuela Buono, Nikolina Vučetić Zečević, Vanja Sremac |
Code Blue Production / Slingshot Films / Biberche / Terminal 3

INHERITANCE | Ukraine | dir: Stanislav Bytiutskyi
prod: Valeria Sochyvets, Inna Lastochkina | Contemporary Ukrainian Cinema

MARICEL | Cyprus, Greece | dir: Elias Demetriou
prod: Monica Nicolaidou, Maria Drandaki | Filmlblades / Homemade Films

RED | Romania | dir: Liviu Săndulescu
prod: Oana Iancu | The East Company Productions

Special Pitch Award FilmFestival Cottbus
SUPERMARKET | Bosnia and Herzegovina | dir: Nermin Hamzagić
prod: Adis Djapo, Amra Bakšić Čamo | SCCA/pro.ba

SPITE | Serbia | dir: Andrijana Stojković
prod: Mirko Bojović | Baboon Production

STATE | Ukraine | dir: Nikon Romanchenko
prod: Vika Khomenko, Darya Bassel | Moon Man

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD | Hungary, Germany | dir: Borbála Nagy
prod: Petra Iványi, Margarita Amineva-Jester | Lupa Pictures / Voices Films

WASHED AND BURIED | Slovenia, Italy | dir: Martin Turk
prod: Ida Weiss | Bela Film



Selected cocoWIP Projects 2022:

ALMOST ENTIRELY A SLIGHT DISASTER | Turkey | dir: Umut Subaşı
prod: Cemre Erül | Yunik Film

BLAZING | Hungary | dir: Balázs Dudás
prod: Adam Farkas, Zoltán Mártonffy, Zsuzsanna Gyurin | CineSuper

ERA | Kosovo, North Macedonia | dir: Parta Kelmendi
prod: Aferdita Saracini Kelmendi, Marija Dimitrova, Belma Bajrami |
Nam Creative / List Production / Company 21

SEVENTH HEAVEN | Croatia | dir: Jasna Nanut
prod: Hrvoje Osvadić | Petnaesta Umjetnost

WHEN YOU ARE 17 | Georgia, Germany | dir: Giorgi Mukhadze
prod: Giorgi Kobalia, Titus Kreyenberg | Terra Incognita Films / unafilm

Transilvania Pitch Stop - coco Award

WHERE ELEPHANTS GO | Romania | dir: Gabi Virginia Şarga & Cătălin Rotaru
prod: Gabriela Suciú | Green Cat Film / Atelier de Film

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