

OPEN CALL & AWARDS 2023

Submissions are still open for the 25th edition of East-West co-production market connecting cottbus. Taking place during FilmFestival Cottbus on **8-10 November 2023**, coco will present 13 projects in development (cocoPITCH) and 6 works in progress (cocoWIP).

Producers can submit feature film projects in development (fiction only) for the **cocoPITCH** section until **18 July 2023**, projects in (post-)production for **cocoWIP** until **23 August 2023**. All projects have to originate in or relate to wider Eastern Europe and be suitable for East-West co-production.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives can **apply to attend without a project** until **6 October 2023**.

The selected projects will compete for the following awards:

cocoPITCH (projects in development)

The industry audience will vote for the best public presentation of a project during the pitch session. The **cocoPITCH Audience Award**, a cash prize of €1.500, goes to the producer.

The production arm of the renowned Romanian post-production facility Avanpost offers the **Avanpost Pitch Packaging Award**, in-kind services up to €15.000 which may include financing strategy consulting, the project look-book as well as production/post-production for a proof of concept.

The Croatian Audiovisual Centre presents the **HAVC Project Development Award**, a €5.000 cash award towards the further development of one cocoPITCH project.

Three projects in development will receive the **MIDPOINT Consulting Award**, online script consultancy with a MIDPOINT expert. The winners will be determined by MIDPOINT.

The producer of a cocoPITCH project will receive the **Producers Network Award**, free accreditation to the Producers Network at the Marché du Film in Cannes the following year.

cocoWIP (works in progress)

The **D-Facto Motion WIP Award** consists of €35.000 in-kind services plus €5.000 granted for additional expenses and is sponsored by D-Facto Motion, the renowned post-production studio with branches in six major German cities and the latest high-end technology.

The **Studio Beep Sound Post-Production Award**, €6.000 in-kind services, is sponsored by the high-end studios based in the centre of Prague, covering the full spectrum of sound and music solutions.

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