

COCO GOES ONLINE: open call & awards 2020

The East-West co-production market connecting cottbus will be held on 4-6 November 2020 entirely online. "With the project presentations at the core of the event, we will focus on the networking aspect among all participants and provide a vivid space for dialogue and exchange for the industry in Autumn, as we have had too few opportunities this year to meet and catch up", says coco director Marjorie Bendeck. More details on coco's format will be published in September, along with our project selection. The FilmFestival Cottbus' 30th edition will take place on-site.

Submissions for coco are currently still open: Producers can submit their feature fiction film projects in development for **cocoPITCH** until **15 July 2020**, and projects in production or post-production for **cocoWIP** until **20 August 2020**. The projects must be related to Eastern Europe in subject or production context.

Selected projects will compete for various awards:

The **coco Best Pitch Award** is selected with vote by our industry audience and includes a cash prize towards development along with a free accreditation to the Marché du Film Producers Network in Cannes.

In collaboration with our partners MIDPOINT, the training platform for script and project development, comes the **MIDPOINT Consulting Award**, an in-depth script consultancy with MIDPOINT experts for three of our selected projects.

Our partner AVANPOST will offer the **Avanpost Proof of Concept Award**, which may include financing strategy consulting, the project look-book as well as post-production for a proof of concept.

For our cocoWIP section presenting works in progress, we are happy to team up once again with major German post-production studio D-FACTO MOTION, who will sponsor the **D-Facto Motion WIP Award** of €35,000 in-kind services plus €5,000 granted for additional expenses.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives active in East-West European co-production can **apply without a project by 7 October 2020**.

We look forward to receiving your projects!

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