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Welcome

to the 22nd edition of **connecting cottbus!**

This is certainly going to be a special edition. During these challenging times, it's really important to keep connecting. Our framework programme aims to provide input and tools on how to survive in the film business and give ample networking possibilities.

We wish you inspiring and productive online days at connecting cottbus!

COCO ONLINE PLATFORM [\[LINK\]](#)

On this link, you will find all relevant information you need to navigate coco on our online platform:

- Pitchbook (project information)
- Participant List
- Possibility to request meetings with projects or other market guests
- Your personal agenda

If you need assistance with your meetings agenda, don't hesitate to contact Masha and Luka at matchmaking@connecting-cottbus.de or come by the coco virtual help desk.

COCO VIRTUAL HELP DESK [\[LINK\]](#)

Opening Hours:

Wednesday, 4 Nov, 14:00 – 18:30

Thursday, 5 Nov, 11:30 - 18:30

Friday, 6 Nov, 10:00 - 17:00

FILMFESTIVAL COTTBUS

For the first time, the FFC will take place in a DUAL format: From 3 to 8 November in real cinemas in Cottbus as well as in Eisenhüttenstadt, Berlin, Görlitz in Germany, and Zgorzelec and Zielona Góra in Poland. In addition, the FFC programme will be available 3 to 21 November in the digital space.

As a coco guest you can access the online film library of the films presented at the festival. You will receive an access code and link via e-mail on 3 November.



TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2020 PREP DAY ONLY FOR PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

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

10:45–11:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
cocoLAB: Welcome for Experts

11:00–13:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
cocoLAB: Individual Project Feedback
30-minute one2one feedback sessions between industry experts and projects
with Isona Admetlla, Linda Beath, Weronika Czolnowska, Gabor Greiner, Martin Hampel, Brigitta Manthey, Malika Rabahallah, Joanna Solecka, Saar Yogev

11:00–14:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
Tech Check cocoWIP

14:00–15:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
Lecture: How to run a sustainable Film Company.
During a Global Pandemic, There's No Business like Showbusiness.
with Larry Bass, CEO, ShinAwil Productions Ltd.
in collaboration with EAVE

15:00–19:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
Tech Check cocoPITCH

15:30–18:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)
cocoLAB: Individual Project Feedback
30-minute one2one feedback sessions between industry experts and projects
with Anna Ciennik, Viktorija Cook, Danijel Hocevar, Dana Messerschmidt, Simon Perry



WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2020

09:30–10:40 ■ live stream session [\[LINK\]](#)

Official Welcome & cocoPITCH Block 1

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC (Croatia/Serbia), FLOOD (Slovakia),
FORTUNE TELLER (Bulgaria), HONEY BUNNY (Croatia), KIRIL'S LUCK (Bulgaria),
NORWEGIAN DREAM (Norway/Poland)

11:00–12:10 ■ live stream session [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoPITCH Block 2

PARADE (Lithuania), SEP & ANA (Romania), SWAPS (North Macedonia),
THE EDITORIAL OFFICE (Ukraine), VACUUM (Ukraine), WATERDROP (Albania),
WHEN YOU ARE 17 (Georgia)

12:10–13:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

Request your one2one meetings / Voting for Best Pitch

After the cocoPITCH sessions, you are invited to vote for the Best Pitch Award,
our traditional industry audience award.
There is also the possibility to request additional meetings with projects or
other industry guests each day (upon availability).

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

Funding News: Updates on Film Funding and Incentives in selected coco Countries

with Sehad Cekic (Film Centre of Montenegro), Jana Karaivanova (Bulgarian
National Film Center), Ilona Krupa (Polish Film Institute), Brigitta Manthey (Medien-
board Berlin-Brandenburg), Christopher Peter Marcich (Croatian Audiovisual
Center), Edith Sepp (Estonian Film Institute), moderated by Simon Perry

15:00–15:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoCOUCH

Hang out with the funders and mingle with other coco guests.

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

one2one Meetings

Meetings are pre-scheduled. You can request additional meetings with projects
and create your own agenda via the coco online platform. Drop by the virtual
help desk if you need assistance.



THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2020

09:30–11:00 ■ airmeet

connectingPOINT

An organised networking session to connect filmmakers from the FilmFestival Cottbus and media tech company representatives with coco participants.

09:30–10:45 ■ live stream session [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoWIP Block 1

(by invitation only, link on your personal agenda)

Presentation of work in progress projects with the filmmakers.
SISTER (MK/XK/ME/FR), FIRE! (RU), EVICTION (HU)

11:00–12:15 ■ live stream session [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoWIP Block 2

(by invitation only, link on your personal agenda)

Presentation of work in progress projects with the filmmakers.
STAND BY ME (RU), SUPERMARKET (ME/RS), STOP-ZEMLIA (UA)

11:30–13:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

one2one Meetings

12:15–13:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

Request one2one meetings

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

Lecture: Challenging Times require new Routes to Solutions:

Design Thinking and Dealing with the Ambiguous and Unknown

with Katy Kavanaugh, designer / producer / educator, Screen360.tv
in collaboration with Creative Europe Desk Berlin-Brandenburg

15:00–15:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoCOUCH

Hang out with Katy Kavanaugh and mingle with other coco guests.

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

one2one Meetings

18:30–20:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoCOCKTAIL

Join us for an informal round with drinks à la Cluj, some Cottbus pickles and some old and new friends to catch up with / relaxed atmosphere / no dress code, with a surprise from our friends from Transilvania International Film Festival.



FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2020

09:30–10:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

Focus coco

Focus coco looks at the progress of coco alumni projects. Four films are screening at FFC 2020, others are in the works or have made their way into festivals and cinemas this past year.

with Katerina Mikhaylova (producer, Russia), Ivan I. Tverdovsky (director, Russia), Marian Crisan (director & producer, Romania), Katarina Tomkova (producer, Slovakia), Jan Kwiecinski (producer, Poland), Piotr Domalewski (director, Poland), moderated by Martin Blaney

10:00–12:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

one2one Meetings

12:00–12:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

Award Ceremony & Farewell

The coco team and coco juries will present the following awards: Best Pitch Award, HAVC Development Award, Avanpost Pitch Packaging Award, Midpoint Script Consulting Award and D-Facto Motion Post Award

12:30–13:00 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

cocoCOUCH

Mingle after the ceremony and congratulate the winners!

12:30–13:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

Request one2one meetings

Last chance to request meetings with projects or other participants.

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

13:00–17:00 ■ coco online platform [\[LINK\]](#)

one2one Meetings

Drop by the virtual help desk if you need assistance.

14:00–15:30 ■ zoom meeting [\[LINK\]](#)

Polish-Czech-German Producers Roundtable & Workshop

(by invitation only, link on your personal agenda)

Leading professionals from this region come together in a think-tank environment, using some fresh workshop methods to exchange experiences and ideas for future developments in co-production.

in collaboration with the German-Polish Film Fund (DPFF), FilmFestival Cottbus, New Horizons International Film Festival / Polish Days & the Czech Film Fund



cocoLAB

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

Experts

Isona Admetlla, Berlinale World Cinema Fund, Germany

Linda Beath, Ideal Filmworks, Italy

Anna Ciennik, Les Arcs Industry Village, France

Viktorija Cook, In Script, Lithuania

Weronika Czolnowska, New Horizons International Film Festival, Poland

Gabor Greiner, Films Boutique, Germany

Martin Hampel, Pallas Film / Twenty Twenty Vision, Germany

Danijel Hocevar, Vertigo, Slovenia

Marcin Luczaj, New Europe Film Sales, Poland

Brigitta Manthey, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany

Dana Messerschmidt, Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung (MDM), Germany

Simon Perry, Senior Consultant at ACE Producers, The Netherlands

Malika Rabahallah, Film Fund Hamburg Schleswig Holstein, Germany

Joanna Solecka, Alphapanda, Poland

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

**Heartfelt thanks for taking part in our online edition of coco!
Take care, stay safe and we hope to meet again soon!**

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