

open call & awards 2021

The 23rd edition of East-West co-production market connecting cottbus will be held this year 3-5 November as a hybrid event.

Producers can submit their feature fiction film projects in development for **cocoPITCH** until **16 July 2021**, and projects in production or post-production for **cocoWIP** until **18 August 2021**. The projects need to be related to Eastern Europe in subject or production context. More about submissions: <https://www.connecting-cottbus.de/submissions>

The selected projects will compete for various awards:

For the second time at coco, the Croatian Audiovisual Centre will present the **HAVC Project Development Award**, a €5.000 cash award towards the further development of one cocoPITCH project.

Our partner AVANPOST from Romania 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.

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.

The **coco Best Pitch Award** is voted for 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.

For our cocoWIP section presenting works in progress, we are happy to collaborate 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.

We are happy to announce the first title of our 2021 selection: HYSTERIA is the newest project by Ivan I. Tverdovsky, produced by Vega Film (Katerina Mikhaylova & Konstantin Fam), winner of the FilmFestival Cottbus Special Pitch Award 2020.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives can apply to attend coco without a project until 15 October 2021.

FFC NEWS: PICKASTORY AUDIENCE LOGLINE AWARD 2021

The FilmFestival Cottbus introduces a new competition and invites filmmakers to submit a logline for a fresh film idea – and the audience gets to vote for the logline of the story they want to see on the big screen. More info about Pickastory and eligibility here (entry deadline 26 July 2021): <https://www.filmfestivalcottbus.de/en/component/k2/pickastory-call.html>

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