

## Press release 05/2018 I CONNECTING COTTBUS

## 20th edition of connecting cottbus 8-9 Nov: call for submissions 2018

Submissions for connecting cottbus East-West co-production market at the FilmFestival Cottbus are now open.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, **connecting cottbus** is well established as a key networking event for film professionals active in East-West European co-production. This year coco also welcomes Marjorie Bendeck as the market's new director; she looks forward to presenting an exciting selection of projects.

With a high success rate of completed co-productions, previous editions of coco included THE LOAD (Serbia/France/Croatia/Iran/Qatar - Cannes Directors' Fortnight 2018), CHARLESTON (Romania/France - Locarno 2017) and A GOOD WIFE (Serbia/Bosnia/Croatia - Sundance 2016). Aside from the project presentations, there will also be panel discussions exploring current topics in audiovisual production, and a special coco anniversary panel will highlight the market's past and future endeavours.

Producers can submit feature film projects in development (fiction only) for the **coco Pitch** section until **18 July 2018**, projects in production or post-production for **coco Work in Progress** until **22 August 2018**. To be eligible, projects have to either originate in or relate to Eastern Europe, or be suited for East-West co-production. Selections for coco Pitch and Work in Progress will be announced in early September.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives can **apply without a project** by **5 October 2018**.

Ten pitch projects and five works in progress will be selected and presented at connecting cottbus on 8-9 November 2018. These will compete for a variety of sponsored awards, including the coco Best Pitch Award and Midpoint Scholarship Award. Further details on awards and sponsors will be announced in early June.

## get in touch

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