

CONNECTING COTTBUS 10.—11. NOV 2016

EAST WEST CO-PRODUCTION MARKET
AT THE FILMFESTIVAL COTTBUS

Save the date and submit your feature projects now!

connecting cottbus, the East-West co-production market at the FilmFestival Cottbus will take place on November 10 and 11 and searches for the most exciting pitch projects until July 30, 2016

Cottbus, May 6, 2016 – **connecting cottbus (coco)**, the East-West co-production market at the FilmFestival Cottbus, is currently accepting project submissions for its 2016 pitching session until **July 30**. Furthermore producers, sales agents and other industry representatives are invited to participate without specific projects.

Founded in 1999, coco is one of the leading international meeting points for film professionals in an East-West-European context aiming to foster co-production with a special focus on East-West feature film projects. Films such as *THE HIGH SUN* or *ONE FLOOR BELOW* (both Cannes Un Certain Regard 2015) as well as *MOTHERLAND* (Venice Film Festival 2015) or *A GOOD WIFE* (Sundance Film Festival 2016) were pitched in Cottbus before they were successfully produced and released. connecting cottbus also offers up-to-date information, discussions on current topics and networking events with particular attention to the financing and market landscape.

Until **July 30, 2016**, producers can apply with a feature film project that either originates in or is content wise related to Eastern Europe and shows potential for an East-West co-production. The projects to be presented at coco will be selected until mid-September. Producers, sales agents, distributors, festival representatives, commissioning editors and financiers are welcome to reserve their seats as guests without project by submitting their application form by **October 14, 2016**.

This year, 11 film projects from or related to Eastern Europe will get the chance to present themselves to an industry audience at connecting cottbus. The **coco Best Pitch Award** of €1,500 plus an accreditation to the Cannes Producers Network 2017 goes to the producer of the best pitch and is awarded by all industry participants. A jury of three industry representatives will award the **coco Post Pitch Award** of €25,000, an in-kind award donated by the German post-production house The Post Republic.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Cottbus in November!

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