

connecting cottbus 6-8 november 2019: OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS & AWARDS

East-West co-production market connecting cottbus, held during FilmFestival Cottbus in November 2019, is currently open for submissions. We select 13 projects in development and 6 works in progress, all competing for a number of awards.

Our cocoPITCH section is dedicated to projects in development. The **coco Best Pitch Award** is voted for by our industry audience and includes a cash prize towards development as well as a free accreditation to the Cannes Producers Network.

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

We are also happy to welcome back our partner AVANPOST and their new film production brand AVANGUARD. The production arm of the renowned Romanian post-production facility Avanpost will offer the **AVANGUARD Pitch Packaging Award**, including 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 once again teaming up 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 can submit their feature fiction film projects in development for **cocoPITCH** until **17 July 2019**, and projects in production or post-production for **cocoWIP** until **22 August 2019**. The project must be connected to Eastern Europe in subject or production context.

Producers, sales agents, commissioning editors and other industry representatives active in East-West European co-production can **apply without a project** by **7 October 2019**.

This year's edition of connecting cottbus takes place on **6-8 November 2019**.

We look forward to receiving your projects!

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for more information about coco and project eligibility

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