

TASKOVSKI
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TRAINING

CONSCIOUS FILMMAKING RESIDENTIAL LAB

where film expertise, well-being & environment unite

OCTOBER 17th-21st, 2024

Sitges, Catalonia, Spain

ART OF PITCHING,
INNOVATIVE STORYTELLING,
AND IMPACT DISTRIBUTION

grow & learn with award-winning film & media experts

WHO ARE WE: #DOCSCONNECT - international, tailor-made professional training and networking hub led by award-winning industry experts.

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OUR MISSION is to **connect** and **empower** creative individuals from diverse cultures worldwide, fostering **conscious** personal and professional **growth**, knowledge exchange, and intercultural understanding.

#INSPIRE
#CREATE
#CHANGE

WHAT WE DO: We promote the creation of documentaries, non-linear media, and immersive creations as a medium for **social change**. We encourage the creation of **impact** stories and effective **distribution** to drive **awareness** and **action**.

CURRICULUM:

- Development & pitching
- Distribution & impact
- Innovative storytelling
- AI revolution
- Connecting with film industry network at *MediMed* market
- Green practices in action
- Conscious leadership
- Well-being

Location: Sitges, Spain

Dates: October 17th-21st

Participants: 15*

Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Who is it for: Documentary directors, producers, and innovative storytellers

Projects: In any stage

Topics: Any, but peace, human unity, and environmental topics will be prioritized

*Observers:

After capacity of 15 participants is completed, we will have a few places for observers who can join the lab for all sessions, but will need to arrange their own accommodation.



4 LAYERS OF THE LAB / WORKSHOP

| coaching | case studies | group & individual sharing and discussion |

1. PRACTICAL INDUSTRY KNOW-HOW:

Topics: Development and looking for a core of the story | Pitching | Festivals and distribution strategies | Impact strategies

Methodology: Coaching, case studies, group sharing, discussions.

Outcome: Learn how to pitch the core of the story and acquire practical skills to bring the projects from idea to screen, with a strong emphasis on distribution and impact.



2. INDUSTRY NETWORKING:

Activities: In collaboration with **MediMed** market we offer a unique opportunity to network, observe pitching forum, be guided by industry specialist, engage in meetings with targeted international players, and enjoy informal networking opportunities.

Outcome: Meet new partners and discover funding possibilities for your projects.

3. SELF CARE, WELL-BEING & MENTAL HEALTH:

Activities: Mindfulness in movement | Self-awareness | Practice of being in your body - that ignites productivity, creativity, connection and community.

Methodology: Individual and group exercises, exploring social awareness, how you connect to yourself, colleagues, work, do you like to lead or be led, etc.

Outcome: Gaining tools for stress relief, self care and creative recharging for your everyday life. Connecting and empowering your ideas.



4. CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP:

Activities: Group exercises and discussions that highlight the importance of understanding different cultural and social profiles.

Methodology: Talks | Individual and group exercises.

Outcome: Filmmakers will learn to integrate cultural sensitivity into their projects, resulting in richer and more inclusive storytelling.

HEAD TUTOR - IRENA TASKOVSKI

Award winning producer and distributor, CEO & founder of Taskovski Films Ltd.

For 20 years Irena has been working as mentor, consultant / expert on marketing, sales, financing, and impact distribution for many film institutions e.g. HBO Europe, TRT world, Asian Cinema Fund, Dok.incubator CZ, Sources Germany, Head Tutor at Emerging Producers – at Ji.hlava IDFF CZ.

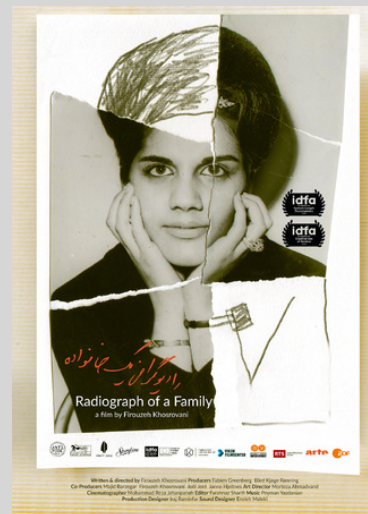
Head of Studies & Founder of the **#DocsConnect training program** for conscious filmmakers, producers and distributors.

Mindfulness & Embodied and conscious leadership coach:

5Rhythms mindfulness in motion & movement facilitator | Coach for personal and professional growth for film industry members | Passionate environmental, peace, and human unity activist | Mental health ambassador for film industry professionals | Mother of 10 year old son.

Selected filmography as producer & distributor:

The Golden Thread , Ukrainian Sheriffs, Surire , Who Will Be a Gurkha, Czech Dream.



BERLINALE 2024

Special Mention Generation +

IDFA 2021

Best Debut & DOP

IDFA 2020

Best Documentary

DOCS BARCELONA 2024

Best New Talent Award

HOTDOCS 2021

Best Inter. Documentary

COLLABORATOR: MEDIMED



Sergi Doladé
Director of the MEDIMED

The international documentary market promotes and distributes films from the EU and Southern Mediterranean, fostering dialogue and enhancing co-productions and funding within MEDA countries. Selected projects will be pitched in three formats: The Speedy Pitch, The Pitching Forum, and The Anti Pitch for rough cuts. MEDIMED offers unique opportunities with renowned filmmakers, key decision-makers, round table discussions, and workshops. Organized by APIMED, it is a must-attend event for industry professionals.



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In collaboration with **MEDIMED**, the **#DocsConnect Lab** participants are given an exceptional chance to:

- **Engage in sessions with targeted international players**
- **Observe dedicated pitching session during the market**
- **Enjoy informal networking opportunities**
- **Meet new partners**
- **Discover new funding opportunity for their projects**

GUEST MENTORS



Margje de Koning
Netherlands
Impact Storytelling
Artistic director of the Movies that Matter film festival and Impact Lab.



Iikka Vehkalahti
Finland
Executive Producer
Runs Rough Cut Service after working for many years as a commissioning editor for the Finnish broadcasting company YLE.



Jorge Caballero
Spain | Colombia
AI Specialist
An award-winning director and producer, currently completing a Ph.D. in film and artificial intelligence (AI).

SOME WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST:

VESTNORSK FILMSENTER Norway - Impact Strategies | Conscious leadership | Development | Distribution |

FILMKRAFT Norway - Audience Development and Distribution

NEPAL WOMEN FILM ASSOCIATION & BRITISH COUNCIL - Empowering female filmmakers & producers

SUNNY SIDE OF THE DOCS 2024 France - Pitching mentorship, 12 Climate Change & 41 main pitch projects

UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA Spain - Development | Pitching | Distribution

EMERGING PRODUCERS Jihlava IDFF Czech Republic - Irena Taskovski has been a head tutor for 12 years

CHILE DOC - Connecta Chile - European and LATAM Financing & Coproduction



PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS



NORDNORSK
FILMSENTER



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EMERGING PRODUCERS



ACCOMODATION

Our private home during the Lab will be at **Séncies - Can Girona**, a traditional Catalonian farm house, walking distance (30min) from the center of Sitges. It's surrounded by nature and filled up with the escence of the beautiful Garraf National Park.

5 rooms x 2 people in single bed

1 room x 4 people in single bed

2 rooms x 2 people in double bed

**All rooms are equipped with heating, bedding and towel.*

4 shared bathrooms

3 terraces | Workshop venues | Gardens and forest



FOOD

We will provide our own catering, where Laia, our cook, creates magic and wonders with food.

- **Vegetarian**
- **Sustainable cooking**
- **Local suppliers**
- **Seasonal products**
- **Mindfull eating**

PARTICIPATION & TUITION FEE

Per Participant

INCLUDES:

- 5 days of high case studies, masterclass, group discussions
- 1 to 1 mentorship
- hands on work on your projects
- Industry Networking
- Mindfulness workshops

residential :

- Accommodation for 5 days/4nights in a private house
- 3 Meals + afternoon snack + Coffee breaks + drinks (non-alcoholic)
- Materials
- Technical equipment for lectures

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Travel costs to reach Sitges, Spain
- Insurance

TOTAL: 1.700€*

***This fee applies only if we have 15 participants.**

Cancellation Policy:

You are entitled to a full refund if you cancel your participation before the 5th of August.

If cancellation happens after 5th of August, there will be no refund unless replacement is found by the applicant who had to cancel their participation.

*We offer 2 scholarships for a tuition fee of 500€ for participants from low-income countries:


Group A: Czech Republic, Estonia, Romania, Greece, Croatia, Portugal, Poland.

Group B: Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, Latvia, Cyprus, Malta.

Third countries considered as Group B, subject to the conditions being fulfilled for their participation in MEDIA: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Ukraine.

TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT





#DocsConnect Lab welcomes you to **Sitges**
the world of adventure where dreams turn into success

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