



## CineCoPro Conference enters its second round: Focus on southeastern Europe

FILMFEST MÜNCHEN and FilmFernsehFonds (FFF) Bayern are continuing their successful partnership by welcoming a delegation of up to 20 producers from southeastern Europe to Munich for the second CineCoPro Conference at the 40th FILMFEST MÜNCHEN (June 23 – July 1, 2023).

## FILMFEST MÜNCHEN: A major platform for European co-productions

In 2023, FILMFEST MÜNCHEN will again be a platform for international co-productions. The first edition of the CineCoPro Conference, held last year with the support of the British Film Institute (BFI) and FFF Bayern, was a major success, bringing together British and German producers. This year's conference will again span several days and offer a variety of content. Pitch presentations, keynote addresses, panel discussions, case studies, and networking events will facilitate interactions between German and international producers.

“By introducing the CineCoPro Award in 2019, FILMFEST MÜNCHEN sent an important signal regarding international co-productions. Our first CineCoPro Conference in 2022 enabled us to expand upon this and create a new industry platform in cooperation with the British Film Institute and FFF Bayern. From now on, the focus will be on a different region each year; having highlighted the UK last year, we are now turning the spotlight on southeastern Europe,” said Christoph Gröner, artistic director of FILMFEST MÜNCHEN and Julia Weigl, curator of FILMFEST MÜNCHEN.

## Spotlight on southeastern Europe

Exactly 20 years ago, FILMFEST MÜNCHEN highlighted the region of former Yugoslavia. Now, 20 years later, numerous exciting co-productions from southeastern Europe are reflecting the creativity found in those countries. New voices alongside established ones, motion pictures with a message alongside intimate family portraits. A region that is continuing to hash out the political pros and cons, a region with a vocal film scene, will be the focus of the second CineCoPro Conference.

The 2023 CineCoPro Conference will shed light on why FILMFEST MÜNCHEN is screening so many films from these countries this year as it explores the model of successful international co-productions.

The conference will also discuss potential areas of co-production between the German states, in Bavaria and throughout the country. Challenges will be described in detail in order to further expand and facilitate co-production in the future.

In cooperation with FFF Bayern, some 40 selected co-producers from Germany and southeastern Europe will again have the opportunity to get to know each other, share their ideas, and inspire each other in 2023.

Further information about the program will soon be announced on the FILMFEST MÜNCHEN website.

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