

OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MIDPOINT Feature Launch 2022

[MIDPOINT Feature Launch](#) is a professional project and skills development program aimed at emerging writers, directors, producers and aspiring script consultants with the focus on the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Feature Launch / Project Development Training

A unique training and networking platform for emerging talents – teams of writers, producers and first- or second-time directors. The program consists of 2 residential and 2 online workshops, a project showcase and a follow-up session.

The 9 selected feature film projects go through an intensive 4-module program that enables them to work closely on the script and project development, and provides them with financing, networking and co-production opportunities. Within the course of the program, the participants get the chance to create/discuss financing, pitching, marketing or distribution strategies. Producers also acquire company development training.

To close the cycle of the one-year program, [Trieste Film Festival](#) and [When East Meets West](#) co-production forum invite all 2022 selected producers to Trieste to the follow-module Company Time, [EAVE](#) on-demand workshop focused on entrepreneurial skills enhancement.

Awards

Works in Development – Feature Launch projects showcase takes place within [Karlovy Vary International Film Festival](#) with the KVIFF & MIDPOINT Development Award of 10.000 EUR for the best project.

The [connecting cottbus](#) Award grants one project the opportunity to present itself during the pitching event within connecting cottbus co-production market and attend various networking events and meetings.

One producer will be handpicked to participate in the professional training program for producers, [Rotterdam Lab](#), which takes place during [International Film Festival Rotterdam](#).

Feature Launch / Script Consultancy Training

The development process that the Feature Launch projects go through is used as a platform to train three attending script consultant trainees, who are learning the principles of script consultancy to enhance their future careers. The trainees attend all workshops and the project showcase along with the Feature Launch participants.

Accepting

Projects – creative teams of writer and/or director and producer (max. of 3 participants per team)

- first or second feature films of directors
- coming from the Central and Eastern Europe or with the co-production intention with this region

Script Consultant Trainees – script consultants, commissioning editors, producers, audiovisual funds evaluators/experts coming from Central and Eastern Europe, or willing to work closely with this region

Dates and venues

Preparatory Seminar for Script Consultant Trainees / March/February 2022, TBC

Workshop 1 / March 2022, Slovakia

Workshop 2 / May 2022, online

Workshop 3 and Works in Development – Feature Launch project showcase / June-July 2022, Prague and Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, in collaboration with [Karlovy Vary IFF](#)

Workshop 4 / November 2022, online

Follow-up for producers Company Time / January 2023, Trieste, Italy, [EAVE](#) on-demand workshop, in collaboration with [Trieste FF](#) and [When East Meets West](#)

Fee

1500 EUR: writers, directors, trainees

1800 EUR: producers

The fee includes accommodation, board and tuition during the workshops. Travel costs are NOT included. Scholarships are available.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: November 1, 2021

More information and application available [here](#), many questions can be answered within the useful [FAQ section](#).

The program schedule and the form of the organization inevitably depend on the development of the coronavirus pandemic situation.

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