

BALTIC PITCHING FORUM 2020

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8TH BALTIC SHORT FILM PROJECT PITCHING EVENT

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About Baltic Pitching Forum

The Baltic Pitching Forum is a unique platform of networking and bringing the latest short film projects from the Baltics into the spotlight.

The Baltic Pitching Forum consists of an online script consultation and a three-day training and pitching event. Individual consultation with an experienced scriptwriting expert takes place the first week of September. In 2020, forum event will be held **October 8th-10th** in Vilnius.

During the Forum, filmmakers gather to discuss, get feedback and learn to promote their newest short film projects on the international level. Selected projects are evaluated by the international panel of 7 members – professionals from the fields of festivals, TV, distribution, production and film commissioning, and Baltic producers' jury.

The main goal of the Forum is to facilitate interaction, cooperation and co-production between short filmmakers from Baltics and the rest of Europe.

More information:

www.bpf.lt

GUEST COUNTRY: POLAND

Since 2019, Baltic Pitching Forum has been expanding its horizons by inviting one Guest Country to present its newest short film projects alongside Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian filmmakers. Poland is going to be the Guest Country for the Baltic Pitching Forum 2020. In collaboration with the Polish Film Institute, three Polish short film projects will be selected to participate at the 8th edition of the Forum.

AWARDS

The international panel will select two Best Short Film Projects*:

- Representatives of the first winner-project will be awarded with participant rights at the European Short Film Co-production Forum EURO CONNECTION which is a part of the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Market (co-funded by Europe Creative MEDIA Programme) taking place on February, 2021.
- Representatives of the second winner-project will be awarded with participant rights at the European Short Pitch by NISI MASA taking place in Autumn, 2021.

* All participants are eligible to compete for Baltic Producers MEDIA Award. Only Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians are eligible to compete for Euro Connection and European Short Pitch Awards.

Baltic producers' jury, consisting of three experienced producers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, will select their Best Short Film Project and award it with a Baltic Producers MEDIA Award* – 1000 EUR cash prize.

EVENT STRUCTURE

● 1st week of September:

online script consultations with Wim Vanacker

● 8 October:

open lecture “How to Pitch” and training session with Gabriele Brunnenmeyer (Germany)

● 9 October:

public pitching sessions, group work with Gabriele Brunnenmeyer, Awards ceremony

● 10 October:

open lectures, BPF alumni presentations, one-to-one meetings with the Panel

Place of the event: Vilnius, Lithuania

TUTORS

● Script consultant Wim Vanacker

After studying psychology in Belgium, Wim Vanacker moved to Dublin to work as a psychologist in the field of drug addiction. Three years later, he picked up studying again at EICAR where he made two shorts. After graduating, he discovered NISI MASA – European Network of Young Cinema where he became the Head of the Script Department and the Project manager of the MEDIA funded project, European Short Pitch. Furthermore, he’s a member of the Selection Committee for the Official Short Film Competition of the Cannes Film Festival and recently, he became the Editorial Consultant for the First Cut Lab. On the side, he works as a script consultant, creative advisor, programmer, tutor and guest speaker for many workshops, film festivals and projects in development. As a writer/director, he’s currently developing the short films [*'sɪə.ri.əl*] and *Psycho Revisited*.



● Forum trainer Gabriele Brunnenmeyer

After starting as a journalist and film critic, Gabriele Brunnenmeyer starts working in various fields within the film industry. She was running the MEDIA Antenna Berlin-Brandenburg, worked as artistic advisor for Maia Workshops, developing events as the East-West Coproduction market Connecting Cottbus, IDM Film conference Incontri or currently MDMs Meet Your Neighbour in Leipzig. Gabriele works for Kuratorium Junger Deutscher Film as a freelance project and script advisor. Furthermore she does script consultation for independent feature films, documentaries and shorts as well as for the script development training First Films First. She acts as a pitching trainer for numerous events, among others Baltic Pitching Forum, Interfilm Script Pitch, Midpoint Feature Launch, Sam Spiegel Lab, Berlinale Talents and runs the program Pack & Pitch in the frame of Sarajevo Talents.



Application

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Film directors and/or producers who are citizens of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland or have a right of a permanent residence in the countries mentioned above.*

Applicants must have been finished at least one short film project and are developing a new project which is:

- fiction, animation, hybrid
- in the development stage
- up to 30 minutes
- aimed at international audience

Filmmakers are allowed to submit more than one project with the separate registration form for each submission.

Projects that have previously been submitted to the Forum will not be accepted.

* In the cases of co-production, one of the applicants (director or producer) must meet this regulation.

HOW TO SUBMIT

The application form is available [HERE](#).

Please note that during the application process additional materials will be required:

- synopsis
- script or treatment (if submitting with the treatment, please note, that in case of selection You will be asked to deliver the script by 1 September, 2020)
- director's note of intent
- short biography and filmography of a director and producer
- link to the director's previous work
- financial and distribution plans (not mandatory)
- visual reference material (not mandatory)

The application form and additional material have to be prepared in English. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

2 August, 2020*

* All additional material must be sent until the deadline

SELECTION RESULTS

1 September, 2020

Selection and participation

SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Baltic applications will be considered by the international selection committee.
 - Baltic applications selection committee consists of the representatives from Lithuanian Short Film Agency LITHUANIAN SHORTS, Estonian Short Film Center | ShortEst, PÖFF Shorts | Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, Riga International Film Festival, Riga International Short Film Festival 2ANNAS.
 - Each application will be processed by a minimum of two different readers.
 - Polish submissions will be evaluated by the experts appointed by the Polish Film Institute.
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PROJECT SELECTION

- Participants will be informed about their selection status by email no later than 1st of September, 2020.
 - Submissions may not be withdrawn once they have been selected, except at the sole discretion of the Forum organizers.
 - Organisers reserve the right not to provide any feedback, comments, or any other information regarding the selection or non-selection of any submitted project.
 - Representatives of non-selected projects will be invited as observers at the training and pitching sessions.
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NUMBER OF SELECTED PROJECTS

12 short film projects will be selected by the selection committee (3 projects per country). Up to 2 representatives of each selected project (producer and/or director) will be invited to take part in the training and pitching sessions.

PARTICIPATION FEE

There is no submission or participation fee.

Travel and accommodation

FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM BALTIC COUNTRIES

Organisers will cover accommodation costs for the selected projects' representatives. Travel costs to/from Vilnius shall be covered by the selected participants.

FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM POLAND

Organisers will cover travel to/from Vilnius and accommodation costs of the selected projects' representatives in partnership with Polish Film Institute.

FOR OBSERVERS

Filmmakers and industry representatives are invited to take part as observers at the open activities of the Forum on their own costs.

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