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**CONNECTING  
COTTBUS**  
**10.-11.11.2005**  
MARKET FORUM FOR FILM

CONNECTING COTTBUS has made focusing on themes at the Cottbus Film Festival a hallowed tradition. For that reason, Hungary's film and television landscape will be in the spotlight at the 2005 film industry forum.

Since this country located at the heart of Europe now belongs to the European Union, a new political unity is creating new possibilities for collaboration within the film industry. Hungary is increasingly becoming attractive as a co-production partner. In 2004, the forum presentation by the Hungarian TV broadcaster, MTV whetted appetites for more information.

But in 2005 there will also be projects that are suitable for co-production with other Eastern, Central and Western European countries. Producers and authors are invited to come to Cottbus again in 2005 to present their latest projects.

We look forward to being able to welcome you again in the coming autumn, **10. – 11. November 2005.**

## **Participation with a Project**

Production companies with a treatment or script for a theatrical feature film or TV movie can apply to the CONNECTING COTTBUS pitch **until 31. July 2005.** Please adhere to the following submissions criteria:

1. Applications can be made by production companies only.
2. Submitted projects must be suited for the European market
3. Applications can be made for theatrical features or TV movies.
4. Only completed "accreditation applications with projects" will be taken into consideration.
5. By late-September, a jury will select the projects to be presented at CONNECTING COTTBUS. We will notify and invite the producer and scriptwriter, or alternatively the director to attend the event. CONNECTING COTTBUS will cover for hotel and travel.
6. Each project will be given 15 minutes: 5-7 minutes for a short presentation of the project by the producer and scriptwriter / director, and the remaining time for a moderated discussion with film professionals in attendance.

7. Please note that a project cannot be presented in the absence of the producer.

You can download the **application form** for participation with a project on [www.connecting-cottbus.de](http://www.connecting-cottbus.de)

## Participation without a Project

Producers, television commissioning editors, distributors, and financiers can apply for participation at CONNECTING COTTBUS. Please return the completed "accreditation without a project" **by 15 September 2005 at the latest.**

You can download the **application form** for participation without a Project on [www.connecting-cottbus.de](http://www.connecting-cottbus.de)

## Pitching

Dear Conference Participants and Guests,

we would like to remind you that we have chosen English as the official conference language of CONNECTING COTTBUS. There will be no simultaneous translation during the Forum.

### **Please note:**

- each project presentation is allowed a maximum of 15 minutes: 5-7 minutes for a brief introduction to the project by the producer and writer/director, the remainder for a moderated discussion with the audience.
- a project cannot be presented if the producer is not in attendance.
- all pitch participants are invited to the preparation seminar on Wednesday, 9th Nov 2005 from 11 a.m -7 p.m. at the conference hotel.
- the Pitchbook 2005 will include only information about the production company, the project, the director's and producer's notes, and a synopsis. Please make your own copies of your treatment and screenplay (if available), which you can offer to potential co-production partners upon request.

More details and the **application form** you can find on [www.connecting-cottbus.de](http://www.connecting-cottbus.de) > accreditation > participation with project.

## Presentation / Equipment

We encourage you to embellish the presentation of your project with video excerpts, photographs, or examples of sequences. Please notify us in advance of your technical requirements. As of now, we can offer you the following equipment:

Videorecorder/ Videobeamer (VHS, S-VHS, Beta)  
Computer presentationen (Powerpoint, Photoshop, Word, etc.)  
CD-Player, DVD-Player, PA system, screen  
Slide projector, overhead projector

## Video screenings

This year, CONNECTING COTTBUS is once again offering all participants and guests the opportunity to use video screening facilities to show co-production partners and friends their current productions outside the official programme.

Please contact us per email by **25. October 2005** at the latest at **connecting-cottbus@pool-production.de** Please include the title, format, and desired screening time.