

CineLink

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CINELINK project is the backbone of the **Sarajevo Film Festival's Industry Section**. It is a development and financing platform for carefully selected regional features destined for European co-production. Around **15** most promising **projects from Southeast Europe** are selected each year for a series of tailor-made development workshops that take place throughout the year and culminate in a financing event – the CINELINK Co-Production Market, which takes place during the last three days of the Sarajevo Film Festival.

The Co-Production Market gathers more than 400 participants from all spheres of the film business ready to network, discover talent, co-produce or commission new projects, while creating an annual hub for local professionals and adding international industry relevance to the festival. With the average conversion rate of its selected projects from development to production at over 60% in the past 5 years, CINELINK has grown into one of the most successful development and financing platforms in Europe. Films developed through CINELINK such as HONEY, IF I WANT TO WHISTLE I WHISTLE, ADRIENN PAL, TUESDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, MORGEN or THE WHITE, WHITE WORLD are now a part of prestigious festivals' selections and distribution catalogues around the world and picking up slots and awards in last years editions of Berlin, Cannes and Locarno respectively. Selection and diversification in development are central to this success, while the focus on local product with international potential, discovery of emerging talent and the promotion of modern cinematic language proved essential to the initiative's rising profile in the film industry.

CINELINK Awards: Eurimages Co-Production Development Award (30.000 Euro) CNC France Award (10.000 Euro), International Relations ARTE and Sarajevo Film Festival Award (6.000 Euro), Synchro Film and Video Vienna Award (3 x 2.500 Euro in kind), Living Pictures Service Award (up to 10.000 Euro in kind) EAVE Balkan scholarship (offered by MDM and MFG in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Stiftung) .

CINELINK – Work In Progress: CINELINK Work in Progress presents about **5 selected films** from **Southeast Europe** that are currently **in the stage of post-production**. Designed to promote outstanding films, in order to facilitate their completion, subsequent festival presentation, theatrical release and international circulation, CINELINK Work in Progress especially addresses international sales agents, festival representatives, local distributors and post-production service offering businesses. Their attendance to the projects presentation is on invitation only. In collaboration with The Post Republic, a Berlin-based full service post-production facility offering a full range of post-production processes to international clients, CINELINK Work in Progress introduces an award for one of the selected projects. A jury of film professionals will award the project with the highest artistic and international potential. The winning projects will receive an in-kind award in post-production services in the amount of 80.000 Euro from The Post Republic and 20.000 Euro from Restart.

EAVE partnership: one of the producers at CINELINK receives an **EAVE Balkan scholarship** (offered by **MDM and MFG in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Stiftung**), allowing him/her further development of the project on the highest possible level. In addition, a selection of EAVE producers are invited to CINELINK every year.