

## Submissions for Transilvania Pitch Stop 2023 now open

**Transilvania International Film Festival** (June 9 - 18, 2023) opens the registration for **Transilvania Pitch Stop (TPS)**, the largest platform dedicated to the film industry at TIFF. Starting today, filmmakers from Ukraine, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Moldova, Greece, Turkey and Georgia can submit their projects to the 10th edition of the international co-production program. Applications can be submitted online until March 31, 2023, through the eventival.eu platform: <a href="https://vp.eventival.com/tiff/2023/film-form/tps">https://vp.eventival.com/tiff/2023/film-form/tps</a> coproduction 2023

Under the TPS program, the jury will select up to 10 projects in development, belonging to filmmakers on their debut or second feature film. The program will include the presentation of projects to potential partners and funders (producers, distributors, sales agents, film fund representatives, etc.), individual meetings, project discussions but also awards consisting in cash prizes and production services. The event will take place in Cluj-Napoca, on **June 15-17**.

Projects may be in various stages of development, but a first draft script must be available for selection. To be eligible, each project must be conceived, from the outset, as a European coproduction. At the same time, at least 20% of the film's budget must already be secured. The program will be conducted in English.

The regulations can be consulted here.

Over 90 projects were selected during the first 9 editions of the Transilvania Pitch Stop program (coproduction platform and workshop). In 2022, *Avanos* (r. Panagiotis Charamis, p. Konstantinos Baliotis, Greece) won the Chainsaw Europe Award consisting of post-production services worth 25,000 euros, and *40, Maria Luisa Boulevard* (r. Kristina Spassovska, p. Maya Vitkova-Kosev, Bulgaria) won the Transilvania Pitch Stop Development Award offered by Avanpost Media & TIFF, worth 5,000 euros.

Over the years, TPS included productions selected and awarded at major festivals, such as *Apples*, directed by Christos Nikou (Horizons - Venice 2020, Greece's Oscar nomination), *The Man Who Surprised Everyone*, by Natasha Merkulova & Aleksey Chupov (awarded at Venice, in the Orrizonti section), *Monsters.*, directed by Marius Olteanu (Taggespiegel Audience Award, Forum section of the Berlin Festival, 2019), or *Soldiers: The Story of Ferentari*, by Ivana Mladenovic (Special Mention, Locarno IFF 2017).

The awards offered at TPS this year will be announced soon.

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