



INDUSTRY DAYS

DOT.ON.THE.MAP INDUSTRY DAYS
21-23 April 2021

In partnership with Thessaloniki International Film Festival Agora

CALL FOR PROJECTS

The 2nd edition of *Dot.on.the.map Industry Days*, organised by the Cyprus Film Days International Festival, the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth and the Rialto Theatre, will be held online between 21-23 April 2021, in the framework of the 19th Cyprus Film Days International Festival (16-24 April 2021).

Dot.on.the.map Industry Days is a co-production, training and networking platform that brings producers, directors and scriptwriters from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, from across the three neighbouring continents of Cyprus, together with international film professionals. It provides an opportunity to filmmakers from these countries to present their new feature film projects and network with international industry professionals.

Due to the current restrictions brought on by the pandemic, the event will be held online. Producers/directors will "pitch" their new feature film projects, to representatives of the international film industry. Following group works and individual meetings, the filmmakers will take steps towards forming future collaborations between other filmmakers, international producers, financiers, sales agents, broadcasters, distributors, festival and film fund representatives.

The organisers' vision is the development of this initiative into a dynamic platform for artistic and financial collaborations, which will contribute to the development of the art of filmmaking in Cyprus and the wider region, serving as a hub for films originating from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

The forum will be implemented in partnership with Thessaloniki International Film Festival Agora.

Dot.on.the.map Industry Days includes two (2) sections:

- *Dot.on.the.map* **Meeting point**
- *Dot.on.the.map* **Cinema Talks**

Dot.on.the.map Meeting point

Call for Projects

Dot.on.the.map Meeting point is an international co-production forum which creates a platform to offer filmmakers the opportunity to pitch their projects to the

international film industry and to find the right connections to get the projects co-produced, financed, developed and/or distributed.

Dot.on.the.map Meeting point aims at a strong selection of projects, giving producers and directors the opportunity to present their ideas to a number of potential financial, development and distribution partners during a 3-day virtual event.

Dot.on.the.map Meeting point presents up to six (6) hand-picked feature-length fiction projects currently in development and financing stage, to a selection of international professionals. Projects originate from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, from across the three neighbouring continents of Cyprus: Europe, Africa and Asia. Film industry professionals attending are mainly producers, distributors, representatives of festivals and funds, development experts and broadcasters, coming mainly from Central and Eastern Europe. The producers, directors and scriptwriters of the projects chosen for *Dot.on.the.map Meeting point* will pitch their projects in a series of prearranged one-on-one meetings and a pitching session. An international jury will determine the projects that will be presented with the awards. The awards will be presented during the closing ceremony of the festival, Saturday, 24 April 2021. The list of awards will be announced at a later stage.

We are looking for:

- Feature-length fiction film projects from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea (Europe, Africa and Asia)
- The projects should be either produced or co-produced by a country within these regions or contain elements in the story that link them to these regions
- Projects should have a producer and a director attached and have to be looking for co-producers
- Our main focus in the selection procedure will be on projects that present a high possibility of being realised, combining this quality with artistic elements

The call for project submissions will be open 19 January - 28 February 2021. To access the application form please visit dot.cyprusfilmdays.com/

General Rules and Selection Criteria

Dot.on.the.map Meeting point is open to **fiction feature length projects** by directors with their 1st, 2nd or 3rd film.

1. The application materials must be in English.
2. We accept all genres within FICTION only.
3. A production company or producer may submit two or more projects.
4. A project should indicate to which other workshops and markets it has been submitted or previously presented and when, or if it is a completely new project.
5. The budget of the film should not exceed two (2) million euro.
6. The projects are evaluated by at least three (3) readers.
7. The number of selected projects is up to six (6).
8. The selection is announced by mid-March.

Application Procedure

All submissions must be received by February 28th, 2021.

By then we need to receive the complete application package (online and in English):

A. *Dot.on.the.map Meeting point* application form

Please make sure to complete [the form](#) thoroughly. Once you have completed the online form you cannot make any changes. Elements from the application form will be used for catalogue information should your project be selected.

B. Materials (must be in one single PDF file)

1. Synopsis (one (1) paragraph)
2. The treatment OR the script in English (If you do not have a script yet then send only the treatment. Please note that projects with a script have priority)
3. Biography/filmography of the producer and production company
4. Biography/filmography of the director
5. Director's statement (regarding the story and the visual style)
6. Producer's statement about the financial strategy
7. Budget outline
8. Financing plan
9. A list of confirmed financing for the project (if available)
10. Rights agreement between the director and the producer or a letter from the director stating that the particular producer will be representing the project
11. Previous film/s of the director (online in a secure link)
12. Mood-board (if available)

Selected projects

Once a project has been selected, two representatives (eg. producer and director) are expected to participate in the online 3-day event of *Dot.on.the.map Meeting Point* (21-23 April 2021).

Completed film projects which have participated in the co-production forum should mention *Dot.on.the.map Meeting Point* and display the *Dot.on.the.map Industry Days* logo in their credits, preferably stating the following: «[film title] has participated in the [edition number] Dot.on.the.map Meeting Point, the co-production forum within Dot.on.the.map Industry Days, in the framework of the [edition number] Cyprus Film Days International Festival [year]».

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