FIRST FILMS FIRST IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1ST, 2017.

Goethe Institut's FIRST FILMS FIRST is an intensive professional training program aimed at supporting young Southeast European film directors to develop their first feature-length fiction film.

FIRST FILMS FIRST consists of **4 modules, over a period of one year**, which allow the participants to develop their first feature film project, **step-by-step, through different phases of project development**.

The program provides participants with:

- mentorship by renowned European film professionals through different phases of development of the first feature film project
- the necessary arts and crafts required to enter the professional international scene
- first-hand insight and practical knowledge about the ever-changing contemporary European film-making world
- contacts with some of the most important European decision makers, auteurs and experts

FIRST FILMS FIRST focuses on 8 participants only, in order to provide a face-to-face approach, individually adapting and modifying the program in order to accommodate each participant's specific needs.

June 2017

1st module: DEVELOPING STORIES TO SCRIPTS within the framework of the Transylvania International Film Festival, Cluj-Napoca / Romania

September 2017

2nd module: FINDING A UNIQUE VISUAL STYLE FOR YOUR FILM & FURTHER SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT within the framework of the "Manaki Brothers" International Cinematographers Film Festival, Bitola / Macedonia

November/December 2017

3rd module: DIRECTING ACTORS within the framework of the Auteur Film Festival, Belgrade / Serbia

March 2018

4th module: GETTING READY FOR THE BIG WORLD - PITCHING & PACKAGING YOUR PROJECT within the framework of the Sofia International Film Festival / Bulgaria

The program finishes with a pitching presentation of the projects before a group of internationally relevant producers, commissioning editors, distributors and funds representatives at the Sofia Meetings, one of the leading regional co-production markets.

