

PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 16th 2025

Sky Tower, 18th floor

18:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, December 17th 2025

Pyramid of Tirana - Orange Cube

10:00 **PANEL - BRIDGING BORDERS:** Coproduction and distribution opportunities for the Western Balkan countries and broader Europe
PARTICIPANTS: Bastien Ehouzan *Kidam FR*, Manuela Buono *Slingshot Films IT*, Genc Përmeti *SkaNdal AL*, Gaia Longobardi *Kino Produzioni IT*, Dejan Krajchevski *Krug Film NM*

11:00 **PANEL - BEYOND TRADITIONAL FILM FUNDING:** The Role of Angel Investors and Venture Capital in Financing the Audiovisual Industry
PARTICIPANTS: Max Gurvits *Vitosha Venture Partners*, Rafaela Rica *Iceberg Communication*, Ravik Mima *Keiretsu Forum Southeast Europe*, Anna Huth *Team4Set*

12.30 **PRESENTATION - NEW INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG FILMMAKERS** Office of Carrier of QKK Albania, "AI in my hand", Startup Albania
PARTICIPANTS: Regina Vathi *Albanian National Center of Cinematography*, Arjan Ymeri *Startup Albania*, Tomi Kallanxhi *Big Media Expert*

13:00 **Special EVENT - Signature of Agreement** between the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sports, Albanian National Center of Cinematography and Municipalities of Vlorë and Gjirokastra
In the Presence of **Mr. Blendi Gonxhja** *Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sports*, **Jonid Jorgji** *Chairman of ANCC*, and Representatives of the Municipalities of Vlorë and Gjirokastra

13.30 **LUNCH BREAK** - *Twiga Rooftop Lounge at Twin Towers*

15:00 **PANEL - TALKING FILM: TALKING FILM** The Renewal of Industry of Film
PARTICIPANTS: Eljan Tanini *Albanian National Film Archive*, Gary Griffin *Cinematographer*, Augusto Pelliccia *Augustus Color*, Ivan D'ambrozio *Producer*

16:00 **PANEL - FEMALE LEADERSHIP IN AUDIOVISUAL INDUSTRY**
MODERATOR: **Graziella Bildesheim** (*President of EWA*) **Blerta Zeqiri** *Kosovo Cinematography Center*, **Rina Plaku** *Albanian Cinematography Center*, **Sabina Kodra** *Albanian Women in Audiovisual*, **Ana Pejova** *Producer North Macedonia*

18.00 **OFFICIAL RECEPTION (tbc)**

Thursday, December 18th, 2025
 Paralel Event, Sky Tower, 1st floor.

10:00 **PITCH BALKAN WORKSHOP**
 Project participants with mentor **Luca Cabriolu**

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10:00 **PANEL - PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES BETWEEN BALKANS AND ITALY**
PARTICIPANTS: **Luigi Chimienti** *Desparte*, **Andrea Lucietti** *La Sarraz Pictures*, **Diana Rulli** *Rulli Putorti*

11:00 **PANEL - PRODUCING WITH SALES AND DISTRIBUTION IN MIND**
PARTICIPANTS: **Lydia Genchi** *No Mad Entertainment*, **Manuela Buono** *Slingshot Films IT*

12:00 **PANEL - FESTIVALS, MARKETS, AND PROFESSIONAL INTERACTION**
PARTICIPANTS: **Oscar Iarusi** *BiFest*, **Matteo Pianezzi** *Figari Film Fest*, **Lum Çitaku** *Kosovo Cinematography Center*

13:00 **LUNCH BREAK - Twiga Rooftop Lounge at Twin Towers**

15:00 **PANEL - HONING NEW RELATIONS** Collaboration within the Framework of Matera Mediterranean Capital of Culture and Dialogue 2026
PARTICIPANTS: **Francesco Porcari** *Lucana Film Commission*, **Francesca Cristallo** *Matera Film Festival*, **Andamion Murataj** *Balkan Film Market*

16:00 **PRESENTATION - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS FILM SCENE**
PARTICIPANTS: **Jonid Jorgji** *Albanian National Center of Cinematography*, **Blerta Zeqiri** *Kosovo Cinematography Center*, **Marko Eraković** *Film Centre of Montenegro*, **Sashko Micevski** *North Macedonian Film Agency*

19:00 **RECEPTION** courtesy of Albanian National Center of Cinematography
 HangArt - Kinostudio

Friday, December 19th, 2025

Sky Tower, 18th floor

- 10:00** **PITCH BALKAN WORKSHOP**
Project participants with mentor **Luca Cabriolu**
- 11:15** **COFFE BREAK**
- 11:45** **PITCH BALKAN WORKSHOP**
Project participants with mentor **Luca Cabriolu**
- 13.00** **LUNCH - Sky Tower, 18th floor**
- 14:00** **PITCH BALKAN: One-on-One Meetings**
- 18:00** **WRAP PARTY**
OFFICIAL RECEPTION courtesy of **Embassy of Kosovo** in Tirana & Kosovo
Cinematography Center (tbc)

Saturday, December 20th, 2025

DEPARTURES