



Federation of European
Screen Directors

Fédération Européenne des
Réalisateur·euses de l'Audiovisuel

PRESS RELEASE

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European Filmmakers to meet in Frankfurt for FERA Annual Conference and General Assembly 2021

In 2021, the Federation of European Screen Directors' General Assembly will take place in Frankfurt, Germany, from 30 November to 2 December, kindly hosted by AG DOK in partnership with BVR and LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International.

As its first in-person gathering since the onset of the ongoing worldwide health crisis, and in a year of renewal for the organization as its members will be electing a new Executive Committee as well as our Honorary President for the next two years, it will be a singular moment for the network to take stock of the massive changes undergone by the European audiovisual ecosystem over the last two years, and to reflect on how they affect directors' craft and creative space.

Thanks to a partnership with the LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International, FERA's annual conference will feature two livestreamed public sessions which will gather filmmakers and key industry representatives to discuss perspectives for the future of European film, and whether a "new deal" is possible for audiovisual authors' rights in Europe in light of recent industry evolutions.

Wednesday, December 1 – 17:00 to 19:30 CET

PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN FILM'S FUTURE

- Keynote by FERA CEO **Pauline Durand-Vialle**
- Panel discussion with **Costa Gavras**, Filmmaker, **Rebecca O'Brien**, Film producer & European Film Academy Deputy Chairwoman, **Lucia Recalde**, Head of Unit "Audiovisual Industry and Media Support Programmes" of European Commission DG Connect, and **Edith Sepp**, Estonian Film Institute CEO and EFAD Vice-President
- Moderated by FERA Chairman **Klemen Dvornik** and FERA CEO

Thursday, December 2 – 10:00 to 11:30 CET

A NEW DEAL FOR AUTHORS' RIGHTS IN 21ST CENTURY EUROPE?

- Keynote by **Katharina Uppenbrink**, Initiative Urheberrecht Managing Director
- Panel discussion with **Cécile Despringre**, SAA Executive Director, **Marc du Moulin**, ECSA Secretary General, **David Kavanagh**, FSE Executive Director and **Ada Solomon**, Producer & European Film Academy Deputy Chairwoman
- Moderated by FERA Chairman **Klemen Dvornik** and FERA CEO

>>> To attend these events, join us online at screendirectors.eu

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About Us

Founded in 1980, FERA represents the independent voice of European film and TV directors in Brussels. With 49 organizations as members from 35 countries, it speaks for more than 20,000 European film and TV directors, representing their cultural, creative and economic interests at national and EU level.

Honorary President: Agnieszka HOLLAND (Poland)

Ambassadors: Marco BELLOCCHIO (Italy), Isabel COIXET (Spain), Heddy HONIGMANN (Netherlands), Michaël R. ROSKAM (Belgium), Charles STURRIDGE (UK), István SZABÓ (Hungary)

Executive Committee: Klemen DVORNIK (Slovenia), Chair; Sverre PEDERSEN (Norway), Honorary Treasurer; Bill ANDERSON (United Kingdom), Elisabet GUSTAFSSON (Sweden), Hrvoje HRIBAR (Croatia), Lou JEUNET (France), Alberto SIMONE (Italy), Birgitte STÆRMOSE (Denmark), C. Cay WESNIGK (Germany), Martijn WINKLER (Netherlands)

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