



Federation of European
Screen Directors

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European filmmakers to meet at LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International for FERA 2022 General Assembly annual conference

For its first in-person gathering since 2019, the Federation of European Screen Directors' General Assembly 2022 will take place in Frankfurt, Germany, from 11 May to 13 May, kindly hosted by [AG DOK](#) in partnership with [BVR](#), [LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International](#) and [VG Bild-Kunst](#). 2022 is a year of renewal for the organization as its members will be electing a new Executive Committee and new Honorary President for the next two years.

Thanks to the partnership with the LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International, FERA's annual conference will feature two live-streamed public sessions, gathering filmmakers and key industry players to discuss recent developments affecting the craft of filmmaking and the future of European film.

The first panel will share testimonies and experiences of filmmaking during and about military conflicts, as the Russian invasion in Ukraine is bringing back into focus the unique role of filmmakers at war. At a time when we are reminded that culture is an essential part of any well-functioning democracy, filmmakers with singular voices hold a much-needed mirror up to society. Yet while the artistic and creative freedom they need is eroding across Europe, public intervention meant to support the audiovisual sector's recovery from Covid-19 seems to solely focus on globalizing, digitizing, and greening it further: the second panel will discuss how to put artistic, creative and cultural diversity back at the heart of audiovisual policies across Europe.

Thursday, May 12 at 15:00 CET

FILMMAKERS AT WAR

>>> Panel discussion with Syrian filmmaker **Saeed Al Batalj**, Palestinian-Syrian filmmaker **Abdullah Al-Khateeb**, Ukrainian filmmaker **Maryna Er Gorbach**, Polish filmmaker **Agnieszka Holland** and Bosnian filmmaker **Jasmila Žbanić**.

>>> Moderated by Slovenian filmmaker & FERA Chair **Klemen Dvornik** and Croatian filmmaker & FERA board member **Hrvoje Hribar**.

Friday, May 13 at 13:00 CET

FILMMAKING & POLITICS: A 21ST CENTURY MISMATCH?

>>> Panel discussion with German filmmaker **David Bernet**, French CNC Director of European and International Affairs **Mathieu Fournet**, Greek-French filmmaker **Costa Gavras** and Eurimages Executive Director **Susan Newman-Baudais**.

>>> Moderated by Dutch filmmaker & FERA board member **Martijn Winkler** and FERA CEO **Pauline Durand-Vialle**.

>>> **More information on how to attend these events in person or online** at screendirectors.eu and lichter-filmfest.de/en

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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)

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