

Press release

## AGROFILM 2023's bountiful harvest

The international film festival of documentary films on agriculture, food production, science, research, and sustainable land management, **AGROFILM**, has been around for admirable **39** years.

This year, it will take place from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. During the festival week audiences can watch valuable documentary films from 22 countries of the world. As is traditional, the highest percentage of the featured filmmakers come from Czechia, Hungary, Germany and, naturally, Slovakia. Authors submitted 90 documents altogether, the resonating themes of which are soil and water conservation, and sustainable land management benefiting both humans and our environment.

The international jury will meet in advance on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to evaluate 42 competition films over the course of two days. Awarded films will be known on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, when the filmmakers collect their awards during the closing ceremony at the premises of Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra.

The festival will be accompanied by the traditional discussion forum on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The topic "Taming hoaxes" will be discussed on the premises of the festival's organizer – National Agricultural and Food Centre in Lužianky. Based on knowledge gathered from research, invited experts will debunk the most frequent myths and nonsensical beliefs about agriculture held in Slovakia and within EU. Professional topics will be bridged by culture as well and the guests can attend the vernissage of Marta Horníková's paintings.

The festival films can be seen by audiences at 13 venues: as always, at the academic soil of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Constantine the Philosopher University, Comenius University Bratislava, Technical University in Zvolen, University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice, the festival will return also to Brezno (Synagogue), Trnava (Malý Berlín), Tatranská Lomnica (TANAP Museum), Štiavnické Bane and naturally, films will be screened also at the premises of NPPC Lužianky, NPPC Bratislava and at Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra. This year, we will screen films also at Palisády in Bratislava, EU Commission Representation in Slovakia. Films will be available also online at <a href="www.agrofilm.sk">www.agrofilm.sk</a> in accordance with a predetermined programme. All current information on the festival happenings can be found there as well.

The festival is organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development SR.

4.9.2023