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European Film Commissions Network

## **EUFCN reveals Location Award 2021 Shortlist**

***The European Film Commissions Network has announced the 5 finalists. The general public has now the chance to vote for their favourite European filming location***

The European Film Commissions Network (EUFCN) launched the fifth edition of the EUFCN Location Award, the annual prize for European locations in the film and TV industries, by announcing the names of the 5 locations that will compete for best European filming location of the year.

The finalists are:

**Berlin** for *The Queen's Gambit* – Berlin Brandenburg Film Commission (GERMANY)

**Cahir Castle** for *The Green Knight* – Screen Ireland (IRELAND)

**Kornati National Park** for *Murina* – Filming in Croatia (CROATIA)

**Malaga** for *The Crown (Season 4)* – Andalucía Film Commission (SPAIN)

**Stadlandet** for *Dune* – Western Norway Film Commission (NORWAY)

During the first stage of the competition, EUFCN member film commissions had the opportunity to submit one location from a film or a TV series shot in their country and released between September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The EUFCN Location Award Jury evaluated all submissions, focusing on the significant role of the location in the story and its innovative use inside the audiovisual product.

The Jury was composed by **Clara Le** (Commercial Director at The Location Guide/FOCUS), **Alexandra Lebrecht** (Managing Director of the European Producers Club), **Eric Mika** (President and Publisher at The Film Verdict), **John Rakich** (Location Scout, President of the LMGI – Location Managers Guild International), and **Dennis Ruh** (Director of the European Film Market).

“The EUFCN Location Award reflects the importance and value of those who strive to provide the audience the authenticity of a medium. The Award salutes the unsung heroes who find the stunning locations that set the backdrop and bring life to a story while stimulating curiosity”, says juror Eric Mika. “I was so pleased to be a Jury member and participate in a well-structured organized process and to meet fascinating professionals from other areas of our industry. ‘Kudos’ to EUFCN for its focused dedication shining light on Locations throughout Europe.”

The winner of the EUFCN Location Award 2021 will be determined by the general public’s vote.

Everyone can vote here: <https://eufcn.com/location-award-2021/>

A lucky name will be picked among the voters and will win a trip to the winning location!

“Locations, locations, locations - we, film commissioners, are the protectors of these unique and important characters in drama productions,” says EUFCN Co-President Mikael Svensson. “The Location Award is an initiative we strongly believe in, as it highlights and celebrates the fundamental collaboration between film commissions, film location professionals, and location sites across Europe. It feels great that we can focus on the places that make stories shine and also reward the most worthy location.”

Voting opens on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs through Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. The EUFCN Location Award 2021 will be handed out to the winning location and film commission in February at the European Film Market – EFM 2022.

*The European Film Commissions Network is a non-profit association that supports and promotes the European film industry and culture. It currently represents 95 European film commissions and film institutions from 31 different countries. For more information visit [www.eufcn.com](http://www.eufcn.com)*