

DETECT CRIME SERIES CONTEST

Screenwriting competition launched by DETECT and Serial Eyes to promote TV crimes series

The screenwriting competition for crime television series organized within the project DETECT has now been launched. DETECT is a research initiative funded by the Horizon 2020 program of the European Union and aims at promoting European Identity through popular culture. The competition is open to television screenwriters, professionals or trainees, interested in developing European crime or noir fiction. We will award the most innovative concepts, able to represent diversity and richness of European identity in original, compelling and stimulating ways.

Participation is totally free and submissions must be made no later than March 1, 2021 via our submissions portal: <https://serial-eyes.com/detect-contest>.

The proposals must be an original creation of a writer or a writing team. The proposal must be written in English and no longer than 5 pages. Details about the submissions are available here: <http://www.detect-project.eu/contest/>.

Five finalist proposals will be evaluated by a prestigious international jury including important figures of the television industries: **Karen Hassan (Cattleya)**, **Steve Matthews (HBO Europe)**, **Giacomo Poletti (Mediaset Group)**, and **Eva Van Leeuwen (Netflix)**.

Winners will be awarded an annual subscription to [FilmarketHub](#), an online platform that facilitates film and series development by bringing together producers, investors and screenwriters. Winners will then be invited to attend the DETECT final conference at [Link Campus University](#) (21-23 June 2021) and will have the opportunity to meet the members of the jury during the awards ceremony to discuss a potential development of the project.

In conjunction with the contest, Serial Eyes and DETECT offers a webinar on writing crime series. In regular weekly instalments, Serial Eyes director Benjamin Harris discusses the secrets that make up a good crime TV series with creative industry professionals and DETECT scholars. You can follow this webinar series on the DETECT YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3n5EEk9>.

What is DETECT?

[DETECT: Detecting Transcultural Identity in European Popular Crime Narratives](#) is funded by the EU through the Horizon 2020 programme. DETECT looks at the representation of European social, cultural and political identities in crime fiction, one of the most popular genres in contemporary literary, film and television productions. The project looks at how different kinds of crime narratives have been used to represent the tensions that shape European society. The project involves 13 universities and 5 players from the creative sector in 10 countries.

What is Serial Eyes?

Serial Eyes is Europe's premier postgraduate training programme for television writers and producers, preparing the next generation of European TV writers to bring first-class serialized storytelling to television screens. Running from September to May, this full-time, eight-month course provides intensive training in both writing and creative producing with a specific focus on European markets.

More information

The contest on DETECT webpage: <http://www.detect-project.eu/contest/>.

The contest on Serial Eyes webpage: <https://serial-eyes.com/detect-contest/>.

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