



The portal www.altcine.com is structured around a powerful movie database of Balkan films, professionals and companies. It is published in English and soon in all Balkan languages. Alt cine aims to build a wide networking between cinema experts and organizations, open up new possibilities for artists and professionals in a multicultural environment and encourage further collaborations in the region.

For its first anniversary the alt cine team has decided to launch the 1st Online Short Film Festival for Balkan Filmmakers. The festival was conducted entirely online and forty-eight films representing six Balkan countries were submitted. The prizes were awarded based on votes by the public. The festival drew more than 3,000 reviewers, who chose the best films and at the same time, they competed for "The Best Critic Award". This special jury was comprised of professors **Georgana Doncheva** (Bulgaria) and **Maria Paradeisi** (Greece), director **Dimitris Koutsiambasakos**

(Greece), and Tirana Film Festival Director

Agron Domi

(Albania).

We are greatfull to the Tirana International Film Festival and **Agron Domi** for the opportunity to present a selection of alt cineAction! Balkan Shorts during its screenings.

Ten films from six countries, will be presented in this special programme.

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