

SEHSÜCHTE

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Press Release

Sehsüchte Festival faces budget cuts

Potsdam, 14.02.2025: Europe's largest international student film festival, Sehsüchte, is also facing financial challenges this year. This is due to the current cultural cutbacks, which are having a direct impact on the festival's organization. "The cuts present us with challenges, while we want to continue to offer young talents a stage. Sehsüchte is **not just a festival**, but a valuable platform for emerging artists to network, present their visions and learn from industry experts," explains Viviane Winkler from the festival's organization team.

The financial support that has enabled a diverse and lively festival to date will be noticeably reduced. Interactive program items such as workshops, discussion panels and Q&As, which complement and enrich the festival experience, are particularly affected. Despite the challenges, the Sehsüchte team is doing everything it can to maintain the festival experience for filmmakers and audiences at the usual high level. At the same time, the importance of cultural promotion for the future of the film and media industry will be emphasized.

This year, the festival's motto is "**Beyond**" and invites you to question cultural, social and creative boundaries. This makes it all the more important not to tighten these boundaries through financial cuts.

To counteract the financial restrictions, the festival is organizing a fundraising party at Lido Berlin. The Lido party offers the opportunity to support Sehsüchte directly and at the same time celebrate with filmmakers, students and festival fans.

Fundraising Party @ Lido Berlin

18.02.2025 at 9 pm

Tickets: [Filmmrizz Party Tickets](#)

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