

HAMBURG PRODUCERS AWARD INTERNATIONAL CINEMA CO-PRODUCTION

*Jury: Vanessa Ciszewski, producer/Katuh Studio & distributor, Luftkind/Filmverleih;
Leila Hamid, media manager & distributor, Philipp Trauer,
producer/BerghausWöbke Filmproduktion*

The film begins with a marriage falling apart. What initially appears to be a relationship thriller expands into a portrait of a society in which violence and corruption have become the norm. The scale of the war and its consequences are only gradually revealed – and thus hit us all the harder.

Long, precise shots and outstanding sound design create a constant sense of menace. At the same time, the stark criticism of an authoritarian regime is firmly rooted in the story and its characters.

Through their co-production, the German partners have enabled a filmmaker living in exile to tell this story. This demonstrates not only an excellent instinct for sophisticated international cinema, but also commitment and courage.

For *Minotaur* by Andrey Zvyagintsev, Roman Paul, Gerhard Meixner and Christiane Sommer from Razor Film are our well-deserved winners of the Hamburg Producers Award for International Cinema Co-Production.

Congratulations!