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Dear colleague,

It was my pleasure to meet you in Tallinn during the informal meeting of NB8 and Ukrainian Ministers of Culture. While our last meeting was quite recent, I am delighted to already have another reason to invite you back to Estonia.

The Baltic States are bound by a strong tradition of cooperation in the film sector, underpinned by shared interests, close contacts, and mutual trust. The Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival PÖFF serves as a prime example of long-standing cooperation, having provided a platform for showcasing recent films from the Baltic countries as well as for presenting joint film projects at the Industry@Tallinn & Baltic Event.

2026 calls for a celebration as PÖFF proudly marks 30 years. Adding to this, the festival and industry will also turn the spotlight on Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania with a special focus on the Baltics. Baltic unity is at the heart of the festival's opening ceremony, reflected both in the programme of Baltic film music and in the choice of opening film "Ulya", a co-production between three countries. It is my pleasure to cordially invite you to this festive event taking place on 6 November 2026 in Tallinn to celebrate the region's cinematic history, achievements, and future together. It would also be an honor to have you join our Latvian colleague and myself for a brief welcome address at the ceremony.

The invitation is extended to you and one accompanying guest and includes pre-arranged and fully covered accommodation for two people for two nights. Additional details regarding your visit will be communicated soon by our dedicated contact person Ms Reet Palis (reet.palis@kul.ee), who remains at your disposal for any questions.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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