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**Pohoda with the highest number of nominations from among all European festivals at the European Festival Awards**

For the second time in history, Pohoda goes to the European Festival Awards in the position of a festival with the highest number of nominations in Europe. Thanks to the attenders’ votes, Pohoda is, again, in the Top 10 of the Best Medium-Sized festivals on the old continent. Music professionals also shortlisted Pohoda in the categories of Best Line-up, Best Medium-Sized Festival, Best Promoter and The Health & Safety Innovation Award. Pohoda is leaving behind other Central European events – Hungarian Sziget and Polish Open’er or Dutch Lowlands – each with three nominations. Another Slovak festival, SHARPE, was nominated for the first time in the Best Small Festival category.

Pohoda is the only medium-sized festival to be among the top 10 festivals with the best line-up in Europe. “This nomination can be considered a miracle. I am proud that our foreign colleagues and experts take note of our approach to programme production and appreciate its quality. Thank you to everyone who helped us with the programme” – said Michal Kaščák about the nomination. In addition to Pohoda, the list includes only events of the "heaviest weight category" with a much greater capacity and, especially, a greater budget, such as Glastonbury, Primavera, Sziget, Rock Werchter or metal Wacken Open Air. It is a great honour and satisfaction for us to be in this list. Moreover, this has been the third nomination in the last four years. Pohoda is also in the Best Promoters shortlist again (companies that organize festivals and concerts), with the biggest players of live music industry such as FKP Scorpio, Festival Republic, Alter Art being nominated as well. Pohoda is nominated again for the Health & Safety Award, for which we applied with our system of solutions to meteorological situations implemented in cooperation with professionals at the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute.

As reigning winners, it wasn’t possible for us to be nominated in the categories we won last year – Take a Stand Award and Award for Passion and Excellence. We would definitely nominate the concert of the Afghan women's orchestra ZOHRA in the Take a Stand category. We’ll find out whether we’ll bring another "statuette" to Slovakia from the 11th edition of the most prestigious festival competition European Festival Awards at the gala on 15 January in Groningen, Netherlands. Thank you for your votes and keep your fingers crossed for us.

The complete European Festival Awards shortlists can be viewed here: <http://www.europeanfestivalawards.org/shortlists-2019-2>

**About Pohoda Festival**

Pohoda, located on a military airport in Trenčín Slovakia, offers an eclectic program that ranges from classical to techno, and all the way through experimental music. Pohoda is a multidisciplinary festival where theatre, dance, literature and visual arts are also strongly represented. The festival has won the European Festival Award (EFA) for Take a Stand 2018, CEO Michal Kaščák won EFA Award for Excellence & Passion in 2018 and in 2017 Pohoda won the EFA for Green Operations. Pohoda Festival 2020 will take place from the 9th until 11th of July.

**3-day Tickets from 99 €** (until the end of the year, from the 1st of January for 109 €)

Tickets & more information can be found here: [www.pohodafestival.sk/en/artists](http://www.pohodafestival.sk/en/artists)

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