



# 41<sup>st</sup> BREST EUROPEAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 10-15 november 2026

## - SUBMISSION RULES -

Participation in the Festival implies acceptance of these rules.

Film submission deadlines:

**31 March 2026** for films copyrighted in 2025

**8 June 2026** for films copyrighted in 2026

- Festival submissions are reserved for **European first films**.

*The following are **considered first films**:*

- **A self-produced first film,**

- **A professionally produced first film** (the filmmaker may have made a school film or several self-produced films previously),

- **A school film** (the filmmaker may have made several films as part of this school).

- Festival submissions are reserved for **live-action fiction films**.

- Films must **not exceed 30 minutes in length**.

- Submitted films will be considered for all Festival programmes **across all sections**:

- **Competitions**

- The Europe competition is reserved for first films **produced or co-produced mainly in Europe**.

- The France competition is reserved for first films **produced or co-produced mainly in France**.

- The Brittany competition is reserved for first films **shot and/or produced in Brittany**.

- **Brest off**

Brest Off are non-competitive programmes featuring first films with a copyright date of 2025 or 2026, all based around a specific theme.

- **Création en Cour(t)s, Special Screenings and Carte Blanche**

These non-competitive sections bring together screenings honouring filmmakers who have previously been selected to Brest, film genres (Panorama Animation, dedicated to animated films, and OVNI, dedicated to experimental cinema), production companies and programming workshops. Second and third films from all years, selected through prospecting (not through submissions), are included in these sections.

- **Young Audiences**

Since 2026, there has been no call for films dedicated to the Young Audiences sections. These programmes, designed for school or family audiences, are not reserved for first films. They bring together short films from submissions (first live-action films) and prospecting (animated films and/or second films and beyond).

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## REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

1. The Festival is open to all short film directors and producers, provided that all or part of the **production is European or comes from one of the 38 MEDIA countries** (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine) as well as Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
2. Films must be in **video format** (only DCP and HD formats will be accepted for screening), must **not exceed 30 minutes** in length, must have a copyright date of 2025 or 2026, and must **not have been entered in a previous edition of the Brest Festival**.
3. Registration must be completed **before 31 March 2026 for films with a copyright date of 2025** and **before 8 June 2026 for films with a copyright date of 2026**.
4. Registration can only be completed via the platform [www.shortfilmdepot.com](http://www.shortfilmdepot.com)

## CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF FILMS

5. The Festival teams will view the films. **The selection results will be communicated to the producer or contact person** who submitted the film.
6. Preselected films will be **kept for archiving purposes**.

## CONDITIONS RELATING TO FILMS SELECTED BY THE FESTIVAL

7. Final selection notifications will be sent by email no later than **31 August 2026**.  
The full programme will be announced on the festival website in **mid-September 2026**.
8. Selected films must **be sent to the address provided by the Festival**.

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## CONDITIONS RELATING TO BROADCASTING

### 9. Television and Internet broadcasting

Participants grant the Côte Ouest association, free of charge, the right **to reproduce and broadcast excerpts** and/or images from films selected for the Festival on terrestrial, digital, cable, satellite and ADSL channels, on the Internet and in any paper, electronic and/or digital media.

These excerpts may not exceed 10% of the total length of the film and shall in all cases be **limited to 3 minutes**. These excerpts shall only be used in the context of news reports or current affairs programmes dedicated to the Festival, television or web programmes, television or web interviews and/or promotional or advertising announcements for the current or future Festival.

Participants also authorise the Côte Ouest association, free of charge, **to make audiovisual montages of excerpts from several selected films and to broadcast them on all media for promotional purposes in France and abroad.**

## THE JURY / THE PRIZES

**10. The jury** will be composed of professionals from the film, audiovisual and media industries.

**11. The prizes** awarded to the winners will be provided by short film professionals and technical partners

**12.** As some prizes consist of the purchase of the film, participants undertake to **inform the Festival of any pre-purchase or purchase prior to 10 November 2026.**

## IN FINE

**13.** Any dispute relating to the application or interpretation of these rules shall fall within the **exclusive jurisdiction of the High Court of Brest, France.**

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