



PARTICIPATION RULES
ANOTHER WAY FILM FESTIVAL
12th EDITION · 2026
SHORT FILM SECTION

The 12th edition of Another Way Film Festival, organized by the association Another Way, will take place in the city of Madrid in person and across Spain online, from October 20 to 25, 2026.

PARTICIPATION

Individuals and/or legal persons over 18 years old of any nationality may participate in the contest. The number of short films that each participant can submit to the contest is two per person.

The projects presented need to be produced from 2024 onwards. Any genre is accepted: fiction, documentary and animation.

The short films must be related to sustainability with special emphasis on innovation, the reuse of materials and commitment to the protection of the environment. We understand sustainability as a concept that includes environmental and social commitments to change values and attitudes, as well as lifestyle and ethical principles for a way of life more balanced with the available resources. For example: responsible consumption, recycling, alternative energies, circular economy...

The employees of Another Way Film Festival, any sponsor or collaborator who participate in the selection process of the finalist, nominated or winning shorts are expressly excluded from the contest.

DATES OF PARTICIPATION

The online short film contest starts on Thursday, April 9th 2026 at 10:00 Spanish local time and ends on Sunday, June 28th 2026 at 23.59pm Spanish local time.

DURATION OF SHORTS

The short films should last between one (1') and fifteen (15') minutes.

LANGUAGE

Short films are accepted in any language. If the original language of the short film is not Spanish, it must have subtitles in Spanish.

SHORT FORMAT

We admit short films in any digital format as long as they have HD quality, (for example: mp4 in 1280 x 720 px or 1920 x 1080 px). The films may not exceed 1GB in any case, regardless of the format in which they are sent.

SUBMIT YOUR SHORT FILM

To submit your short film you must register in FilmFreeWay (<https://filmfreeway.com/>). Once registered, you must enlist your project in the NATIONAL (Spain) or INTERNATIONAL (any other

countries) section; depending on the country of origin of the short film. A submission fee of 1€ will be required to complete the registration process.

Each participant must fill out the data sheet and send the following:

- The short film file (.mp4)
- Poster
- Stills

COMPETITION RULES

Selection and Programming

Once the submission period for short films has ended, a Selection Committee appointed by ANOTHER WAY FILM FESTIVAL will review all eligible entries and select the finalists.

National Section:

As part of the festival, there will be an in-person screening session, and the selected short films will also be available on demand on FILMIN during the days of the festival.

International Section:

Selected short films will be uploaded to the Another Way Film Festival YouTube channel one month prior to the event. Additionally, an in-person screening may be scheduled within the framework of the festival.

Once the finalists have been selected, the organization will notify the selected participants by email. The organization reserves the right not to accept into the competition any works that, in its judgment, do not meet the required technical, artistic, and/or legal standards. Likewise, it reserves the right to disqualify or exclude any works it considers may offend sensitivities.

AWARDS

National Section

The Jury Award consists of a prize of 300 euros.

Plasencia EnCorto Award:

An additional award in collaboration with the Plasencia EnCorto Festival, consisting of the automatic selection of the winning short film in the Official Section of Plasencia EnCorto 2027. This short film may also qualify for pre-selection for the Goya Awards, in accordance with the rules and requirements established by that festival.

This award is limited to fiction and animation short films; documentary works are not eligible.

Audience Award (both sections):

An award will be given, provided by a collaborator aligned with the festival's values, to the short film that receives the highest number of audience votes in each section.

The awards ceremony will take place during the festival's closing gala. Both participants and winners must include the official festival laurel in their projects.

LEGAL ISSUES

All participating short films must have the authorisations and assignments of copyright and other holders of pre-existing and original works that are incorporated in them. Hence, the

participants guarantee that the short films do not violate any right of exploitation, nor rights of honor, privacy and image, nor rights of Intellectual and / or Industrial Property and / or any other rights of third parties, and that they do not violate the legislation into effect. The organisation of the contest declines all legal responsibility over the films submitted to the contest and its content.

Any exploitation or commercial use of the short film will require the prior and express consent of the author, subscribing, where appropriate, the corresponding agreements.

However, if the author does not want the contest to be showing continuously his short film after the jury's decision has been published, he must communicate it through the email address cortos@anotherway.es. From that moment on, the organisation will have a period of 30 working days to cancel the non-exclusive assignment of the rights to which we have referred previously.

The authors of the short films authorise the contest to use, reproduce, print or publish through any means of communication, the name of the director, interpreters and technical team, their artistic names, photographs and images represented by any plastic medium, biography, etc., in order to carry out, directly or indirectly, acts of promotion and communication of audiovisual works.

The organisation of the contest is exonerated of all responsibility in case of malfunction of the Internet network, which prevents the normal development of the contest for reasons beyond the company and especially for external acts of bad faith. Neither will be responsible for the problems of transmission or loss of electronic mail not attributable to it.

ANOTHER WAY FILM FESTIVAL reserves the right to make modifications to these rules or to add successive appendices regarding its mechanics and prizes, provided that they are justified or do not harm the participants and they are duly notified during the course of the Competition.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participation in the contest implies full acceptance of these rules. The Organising Committee will decide on the unforeseen cases that arise and that are not included in these rules.

For more information or for any questions, write to cortos@anotherway.es

Good luck and see you at the festival!

Partner festival:

