

SEA-EU FILM FESTIVAL 2026

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Universidad de Cádiz, as coordinator of SEA-EU, invites all its students to submit a short video of between 3 and 15 minutes to the SEA EU Film FEST 2026, which will be held at the Jerez de la Frontera Campus on April 14-16th as part of the International University Short Film Contest "MARAVÍLLAME".

1. ABOUT SEA EU FILM FEST INTO MARAVILLAME CONTEST

As an annual event within the Art Platform of the Alliance of European Universities of the Seas, the SEA EU Film FEST serves as a meeting point where students from the nine member universities have the opportunity to convey the values of European cultural diversity through the stories they tell in their short films, especially those connected to the social challenges addressed by the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

In its third edition, the SEA EU Film FEST has the honor of participating as one of the five official sections within MARAVILLAME, an international competition for university short films which, also in its third edition, has already become a leading global benchmark in promoting film culture and the exchange of talent and knowledge between the academic and professional spheres.

2. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Although the SEA-EU Film FEST is primarily reserved for short films submitted by students from the nine universities that make up the Alliance of European Universities of the Seas, from among whom the winning video will be chosen, outside of the official selection and solely for the purpose of possible screening at the Maravillame festival, short films from students of any European university related to the main objective mentioned above are welcome.

3. THEME

The theme is completely open; however, when selecting the winning video, special consideration will be given to the connection between the story told and any of the various values included in any of the lines and objectives of sustainable development of the 2030 Agenda.

4. WHY PARTICIPATE?

From among all the submitted videos, an international jury composed of a panel of experts chosen by the SEA-EU universities will select the 10 best short films, from which the winner will be chosen. The first five short films will be screened in the official section of the MARAVÍLLAME Competition.

The winning video will receive a travel voucher (€1,000 máx.) to cover the costs of its creator's trip to Cádiz so they can personally collect their prize during the competition's closing gala

Also, during the competition, the creator of the winning video will have the opportunity to present their proposals to EGEDA (International Management Entity for Audiovisual Producers' Rights) to discuss the possibilities of financing and promoting their short film for its marketing and exhibition in commercial theaters.

5. IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for submitting videos: March 22.
- Selection of the winning video and notification to the author: March 31- April 5
- SEA-EU FILM FEST: April 14-16
- Final gala and award ceremony for the winning video: April 16

6. VIDEO RIGHTS

Each participant declares to be the author of the video and acknowledges to have all the necessary authorizations for video-release.

Participants agree that, if selected, their video may only be shared by partners within SEA-EU alliance at the SEA-EU Film Festival. Further distribution of the selected videos will not be possible without prior explicit consent of the author. This approach ensures that participants' works are distributed responsibly and exclusively within a trusted network of collaborators, fostering a supportive environment for creative exchange and distribution while respecting intellectual property rights.

7. GUIDELINES AND RULES

- The contest is free of charge and open to all students of the Alliance and outside of it.
- The contest participants must hold the rights to their video and obtain permission if they take videos of smaller groups, families, or close-up photos of faces or videos with children in them
- Film must be 3 – 15 minutes long.
- Films must be in English or subtitled in English

- Each student may only submit one video.
- Videos may be created by multiple authors.
- The author(s) must be the original creators of the video.
- Accepted formats are: .mov, .mp4, or .avi
- AI-generated videos will be disqualified.

8. HOW TO APPLY

- Submission of the videos will be done through google docs' form at <https://forms.gle/jFq7Jc2qZMavdQH8>
- The video must be named as follows: Name of the University_Surname and name initial (for example: University of Cádiz_PérezL).

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Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your creative abilities in audiovisual art and its contribution to enriching cultural diversity, as a key focus of the European University of the Seas Alliance.

And who knows, maybe one day we'll be able to enjoy your story as a feature film on the big screen

Amaze us with your original short video, and...

"SEA EU soon" at the University of Cadiz.