



31st Festival International Nature Namur October 11-19, 2025

Call for applications – INNOVATIVE CONCEPT

Schedule

The 31st edition of the International Nature Festival Namur will take place from October 11 to 19, 2025. On this occasion, a selection of films dedicated to nature and wildlife will be screened in public sessions.

Concept presentation

As part of a new project, the Festival is launching a call for **short videos in social media format**, exploring nature in all its facets. This initiative will lead to an **immersive evening**, where the audience will experience a selection of videos played continuously, similar to an **XXL playlist**.

All emotions are welcome: wonder, laughter, thrills, surprise, tears... The audience will even have the opportunity to vote for their favorite video!

The submitted videos will not be part of the Festival's official selection but will be featured in a dedicated event. The event will only take place if a sufficient number of high-quality videos are selected. If the quantity and diversity of the videos are insufficient, the Festival reserves the right to cancel the event, in which case no video will be used.

The dates and screening times will be confirmed during the official announcement of the Festival program.

Goals



- **Raise public** awareness of the beauty, richness, and fragility of wild nature, **encouraging knowledge and respect for it**,
- **Draw the attention of decision-makers** at all levels to the importance of environmental and biodiversity protection.
- **Encourage audiovisual creation focused on nature and the environment** by rewarding the best videos in a competition and offering screenings on the big screen as part of the Festival program.
- **Provide an immersive screening experience**, utilizing state-of-the-art audiovisual technology for an exceptional viewing experience.
- **Capture and share unique snapshots of wild nature**, revealing its beauty, mysteries, and emotions through individual perspectives.



Rules for submission

Article 1 : Theme

The International Nature Festival Namur is calling for short social media-format videos dedicated to nature in all its forms: discovery, observation, protection, conservation, awareness, or any other relevant approach.

The subject can be approached in a variety of creative ways: humor, poetry, single-shot, reportage, advertisement, animation, fiction, etc. Originality, emotion, and creativity are highly encouraged.

Article 2 : submission

Submission is **free** and will only be validated if all required information is completed.

- Each filmmaker may submit multiple videos,
- All formats are accepted,
- All quality levels are accepted (including vertical recordings and smartphone footage),
- Each video must have a separate submission.

Submissions must be made online via one of the following options :

- Through the online submission service "FilmFreeway" (filmfreeway.com).
- By completing the online form on www.festivalnaturenamur.be and sending a selection copy of the film in .mp4 or .mov format via one of the following means :
 - The Festival's WeTransfer+ account (preferred).
 - An external hard drive or USB stick sent to the Festival's address.
 - A downloadable link (Vimeo, YouTube, Dropbox, etc.).

Physical media will be returned within three months after the event if the participant submits a written request.

The Festival assumes that the person submitting a video is its intellectual owner or has all necessary permissions. In case of an award, it will be granted to the rightful owner. If the submitter is not the intellectual owner, the Festival reserves the right not to award the prize to the submitter. The organizers are not responsible for any disputes related to the submission.



Article 3 : Timeline

- **Opening of submissions** : February 1, 2025
- **Submission deadline**: July 31, 2025, at midnight

Article 4 : Secretariat

Please send any physical media to the following address:

ASBL Festival Nature Namur Rue du réemploi, 4, 5020 Namur, Belgique
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For questions and contacts:

Email: info@festivalnaturenamur.be

Website : www.festivalnaturenamur.be

The rules are available in French and English.

Article 5 : Selection

A **selection committee** will choose the videos to be presented during the immersive Festival evening.

- Multiple videos from the same creator may be selected.
- The committee's decisions are final and will not be justified.

The following will not be selected :

- Incomplete videos,
- Videos of insufficient quality for projection,
- Videos that do not meet the criteria in Articles 1 and 2.

Selected participants will be personally notified.
If selected, the original digital file must be provided.

Article 6 : Screening

- No remuneration or copyright fees can be claimed for film screenings during the event.



- If the event takes place, the Festival will retain a copy of selected videos for promotional and commercial use.
- Any full broadcast beyond the event will require specific authorization.

Article 7 : Copyright and Author's Rights

- The author retains intellectual ownership of their work.
- The Festival is authorized to use the video and excerpts for event promotion in Belgium and abroad.
- The author must comply with copyright laws, particularly for music and sound used.
- The Festival will cover any applicable broadcasting fees due to Sabam.
- The participant cannot take legal action against the Festival for any unauthorized use of their video by third parties.

Article 8 : Category & Award

A jury composed of audiovisual, science, and nature professionals will select the videos for this special event.

A prize of **€2,500** will be awarded based **on audience reactions and votes during the evening**, according to criteria defined by the Festival.

Article 9 : Invitations

Submission and selection of a video do not guarantee an invitation to the event.

Article 10 : Personal Data

Participants' information may be used for the Festival's film competitions. In accordance with European regulations on data protection, participants have rights to access, modify, or delete their personal data by requesting it via info@festivalnaturenamur.be. No information provided will be sold or used for commercial purposes.

Article 11 : Application of the rules

Participation implies full acceptance of these rules. In case of dispute, only the French version will be legally binding. The rules are available at www.festivalnaturenamur.be.

