

3,196 short films submitted to the 52nd edition of the Bilbao International Documentary and Short Film Festival (ZINEBI)

The next edition - number 52 - of the Bilbao International Documentary and Short Film Festival (ZINEBI) will be taking place from 22nd to 27th November. 3,196 films have been submitted to ZINEBI over the course of the year, of which 74 will be taking part in the Official Competition Section for the chance to win the Gold and Silver Mikeldis awards in the three competition categories: fiction, documentary and animation. ZINEBI has set a new record with these figures since this year it received 231 more submissions than at the previous edition. As for participating countries, France is once again the best represented country with 441 submissions, followed by Spain with 385, Germany 289, USA 195 and the UK 160. Among the Latin American countries, Brazil was strongly represented with 112 submissions, as was Argentina with 65 and Mexico, with 77. In total 87 countries have taken part, including first-time participants such as Albania, Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica, Kirghizstan, Kosovo, Martinique, the Sultanate of Oman, Bosnia, Azerbaijan, the Ivory Coast, Ethiopia....As for the different genres, fiction predominated with 1711 films submitted. The Bilbao Film Festival (ZINEBI) is organised by Bilbao Council with the collaboration of other institutions such as the Basque Regional Government, the Ministry of Culture, the Provincial Council and other private entities in the city.