



32nd BALTIC HERRING Short Film Competition 2026

REGULATIONS

Baltic Herring Short Film Competition is open for filmmakers of the Baltic Sea countries and Iceland.

We accept films from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden and Iceland.

Competition categories are as follows:

Amateur filmmakers:

- open for amateur filmmakers

Professional filmmakers

- open for professional filmmakers

Film students

- open for students of media and film schools
(please inform the name of the school)

Competition open for films completed in **2025** or after

Maximum duration of the film is **30 minutes**.

Submission deadline: **May 31, 2026**

Submit your short film online: <https://www.shortfilmdepot.com/>

One film may compete in one category only.



There are no limitations to the original format of the film.

English subtitles or synopsis in English is required.

The filmmakers are responsible for the recording permissions and reimbursements of the possible copyright protected material in the film content.

The short films selected into the 32nd Baltic Herring Short Film Competition will be announced **on August 5, 2026** at festival website:

<https://www.bluesseafilmfestival.net/finalistit/>

IF YOUR FILM WILL BE SELECTED we will need for the festival screening:

- **DCP** screening copy with
- English subtitles

The short films selected into the competition will be screened for the international jury and the festival audience at the **33rd Blue Sea Film Festival** in Rauma, Finland, on **August 20–23, 2026**.

The International Jury will award the best short films with money prizes.

The very best short film of the competition will also win the *Golden Baltic Herring Award*, a ceramic sculpture. The previous winners have named it “Baltic Herring Oscar”.

Also the festival audience has a chance to vote for their favourite short film and win film-related prizes.

The jury members of the Baltic Herring Short Film Competition 2026 will be announced later on festival website.

Good luck for the competition!

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