

24th ALMERIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - FICAL 2025

RULES AND REGULATIONS **'ALMERIA EN CORTO' INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

1. OBJECTIVE

With the aim of promoting the province of Almeria by strengthening the province's historical links with the audiovisual industry and culture, the 24th Almeria International Film Festival will be held between 14th and 23rd November 2025. The festival is organized by Almeria Provincial Council

All **short films** with national and international production, shot on celluloid (35 mm or 16 mm formats) or in high-definition video or higher resolution will be admitted to the competition. The films should last no longer than 30 minutes (credits included). The production date must not be prior to 1st January 2024.

2. BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

- a. Participation is open to all producers or directors who own the rights to the works they submit.
- b. Each participant may submit as many films as he/she wishes. Each film submitted for the competition must be sent on a separate support and with its own entry form.
- c. Works must be submitted in their original language. In the case of a version other than Spanish (Castilian), it must have Spanish subtitles or attach the list of original dialogues with translation into Spanish (Castilian) or English.
- d. Films selected in the previous festival will not be admitted.

The selected films will be screened in High-Definition video or higher resolution. The selected films will be submitted in a .mov file extension, with H.264 codec, in progressive.

3. AMOUNT AND BUDGETARY IMPLEMENTATION

The amount allocated to this call for applications is twenty-four thousand two hundred euros (€24,200) charged to application 8000.334.48900 Culture Prizes and Grants, of the Provincial Council's budget for the financial year 2025.

4. PUBLICATION

The Diputación Provincial de Almería (Almería Provincial Council), in accordance with article 20 of the Ley 38/2003, General de Subvenciones, will communicate to the National Database of Subsidies (BDNS) the text of the call for applications and the required information.

The BDNS will send the extract of the call for proposals to the BOP of Almería for publication. Once the BDNS is aware of the publication of the extract, the BDNS will provide all the information concerning the call through the National Grants Publicity System (SNPS). In any case, the effectiveness of the call is subject to the publication of its extract in the BOP of Almería.

Simultaneously, it will be published on the notice board of www.dipalme.org in the section dedicated to "FICAL", on the transparency portal of the website of Almería Provincial Council and on www.festivaldealmeria.com.

5. ENTRY FORM

In order to participate, it will be necessary to use one of the following platforms: **MOVIBETA or FESTHOME**. It is essential to complete the entry form provided by each platform and to comply with the video formats accepted by each one. Each platform shows different entry categories depending on the **geographical origin of the production or direction of the short film**. **It is only necessary to register in one category**.

In the event that the film is made in a version other than Spanish (Castilian), if it is not subtitled in Spanish, the list of original dialogues with translation into Spanish (Castilian) or English must be attached.

The deadline for registration is **14 August 2025**.

The organization assumes that the persons or groups that register the works have the rights to exhibit them, as well as the authorization to receive the prize in the case of collective authorship. In any case, the organization is exempt from any office that may arise from the infringement of this basis and from the claim for payment of royalties for public communication or other intellectual property rights.

6. SELECTION

A selection committee, made up of media professionals and members of the festival's organising team, will be responsible for selecting, based on artistic quality, the films that will take part in the festival from among all the films received. The decisions taken will be communicated from 22 September 2025, by publication on the notice board of the Almería Provincial Council website www.dipalme.org and on the festival website www.festivaldealmeria.com.

The appointment of the selection committee will be published on the notice board of the website of the Almería Provincial Council (FICAL).

The selected films must be sent for screening before **27 October 2025**, in a **.mov file extension, with H.264 codec, with a compression rate (bitrate) between 30 Mbps and 50 Mbps, in progressive**. If the copy sent has a lower compression rate than the one requested, it **will be understood that the participant wishes to screen it with those specifications**. The movibeta or festhome platforms may be used again for sending the projection copies. It is also possible to save the **file** on any storage medium or choose to use a web platform for sending files. The address for sending the selected films will be as follows:

Diputación Provincial de Almería
(Almeria Provincial Council)
XXIV Almeria International Film Festival
Multi-Service Centre
Carretera Ronda, 216
04009 Almeria

The following information must be attached to the selected film (by e-mail to tocontacto@festivaldealmeria.com):

- Two photographs of the film in digital format (300 dpi jpg, and no larger than 1 Mb.).
- Photograph of the director in digital format (300 dpi jpg, and no larger than 1 Mb).
- Complete the official online registration form, available at **www.festivaldealmeria.com**.
- Spanish subtitle file .srt or list of original dialogues of the short films with translation in Spanish or English (essential)

All this documentation is essential to participate in the competitive section. Participants authorise the organisers to use stills, photographs and extracts from the films for dissemination in any communication and promotional media, to promote and disseminate this festival. The documentation and material sent in from the selected films may appear in all the festival's advertising and promotional media.

7. JURY AND PRIZES

Among all the films selected, a jury made up of a maximum of seven professionals from the cinematographic, artistic and cultural fields and members of the organization, with voice but no vote, will decide, based on artistic quality, on the awarding of the following prizes:

1. Prize for the best international short film, consisting of €7,000 and a trophy.
2. Prize for the best national short film, worth €4,000 and a trophy.
3. Audience Award for the best short film, consisting of €2,700 and a trophy (** This award will be decided by the votes of the audience attending each of the screenings. Audience voting forms will be accepted, as long as all the short films screened at each session are scored*).
4. Andalusian Film Writers' Association (ASECAN) Award for the best Andalusian short film, consisting of €2,300 and a trophy.
5. Award of the Asociación de Periodistas-Asociación de la Prensa de Almería (AP-APAL) to the best short film from Almería, consisting of € 2,200 and a trophy. The jury of

this award will be made up of professionals appointed by the AP-APAL and a member of the organization with a voice, but without a vote.

6. Prize for the best direction, with €1,000 and a trophy.
7. Prize for the best script, with €1,000 and a trophy.
8. Cecilio Paniagua Prize for the best photograph, with €1,000 and a trophy.
9. Gil Parrondo Prize for the best artistic direction, with €1,000 and a trophy.
10. Prize for the best female performance, with €1,000 and a trophy.
11. Prize for the best male performance, with €1,000 and a trophy.
12. Special prize for human rights and values-Amnesty International, endowed with a trophy. This prize will be awarded by a jury appointed by Amnesty International.

The amount of these prizes includes VAT, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions of base 8. Prizes **may be cumulative**.

The members of the jury will be appointed by Resolution of the Presidency of the Almería Provincial Council, which will also appoint, from among them, the president of the jury.

The chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

An official from the Legal and Administrative Service of the Culture, Cinema and Identity Area of the Almería Provincial Council will act as secretary of the jury.

The appointment of the jury will be published on the notice board of the website of the Almería Provincial Council (FICAL).

The jury shall sit in plenary session and at least two thirds of its members must be present. Its deliberations shall be secret. The corresponding minutes shall be drawn up of the decision taken, which shall be signed by the chairperson and the secretary.

The jury may not declare these prizes null and void, nor may it award prizes ex aequo. It may, if it deems appropriate, award special mentions.

The jury shall act in accordance with the provisions for collegiate bodies in the legislation in force.

8. BENEFICIARIES, METHOD OF PAYMENT OF PRIZES AND INVOICES

8.1 Award recipients.

The prizes numbered from 1 to 5 listed in base 7 (juries and prizes) will be paid to the person or production company listed in the registration form, in the section 'Awarding of prizes'.

The prizes numbered 6 to 11, as they represent an artistic recognition of an individual person, will be paid to the corresponding natural person.

8.2 Form of payment and invoice, if applicable.

Prizes will be paid by bank transfer and upon submission of an invoice, where applicable. The prizes will be subject to the applicable tax regulations.

For the bank transfer it is necessary to be **registered in the Provincial Council's database "Terceros - Apoderamientos"**("Third parties - powers of attorney"), where the

winner will register: personal, representation and bank details required to proceed with the payment. The access route to the procedure is as follows:

www.dipalme.org

Trámites online (Online procedures)

Terceros – Apoderamiento (Third parties – Power of Attorney)

Once the registration in the database has been completed, an email will be sent to sjacultura@dipalme.org, indicating that the process has been completed and stating the name of the winner and the category of the prize.

Registration in the database indicated in the previous paragraph is an essential requirement and must be carried out prior to making the bank transfer.

Successful applicants who are **resident in Spanish territory** may find themselves in the following situations:

- 1) If their participation is carried out within the framework of a business or professional activity, they must submit a certificate of registration in Economic Activities, indicating the heading under which they are taxed and issue the corresponding invoice, in accordance with the provisions of articles 4. One, 5. One b) and 5. Two of Law 37/1992, of 28 December, on Value Added Tax (LIVA). The beneficiary will issue the invoice in accordance with the provisions of articles 6 and 7 of Royal Decree 1619/2012, of 30 November, which approves the regulations on invoicing obligations, and the VAT or the specific section of article 20 of the LIVA on which its exemption is based must be stated.
- 2) In all other situations, the Provincial Council will levy the legally applicable withholding tax.

In order to process the awarding of the prizes, the beneficiaries (in the event that they are registered as an entrepreneur or professional in an economic activity linked to the creation or production of the audiovisual work for which they are eligible for the prize) are required to submit a certificate of registration with an indication of the heading under which they are taxed, or failing this, a declaration of liability, as well as the **submission of an electronic invoice** for the amount of the corresponding prize, in the following terms:

- It must be submitted in accordance with article 4 of Law 25/2013, of 27 December, on the FACe platform: <https://face.gob.es/es/>, with "L02000004" as the unique code for the three FACe bodies.

- It must comply with the requirements of current legislation and must be issued to the Diputación Provincial de Almería, as the contracting administration, with the file reference 2025/D61000/850-400/00001 and the proposing body "D6110000".

- The name of the prize awarded must be clearly indicated in the concept with the word *PRIZE*.

Successful applicants who are **not resident in Spanish territory** may find themselves in the following situations:

- 1) If their participation is carried out within the framework of a business or professional activity, they must issue the corresponding invoice, in accordance with the applicable tax regulations, so that **the prize will be paid after deduction of the amount corresponding to the taxes levied on the prize** (taxes included in the total amount of the prize, taxable base lower than the prize).
- 2) In all other situations, the Diputación will withhold the legally applicable withholding tax.

In the case of non-residents, as they cannot access the database of Third Parties - Powers of Attorney, they shall submit an application to the general registry of the Provincial Council de Almería, stating "FICAL 2025" and the category of the award granted. The application must be accompanied by the following:

- General and bank details form, which can be obtained at www.festivaldealmeria.com.
- Certificate of tax residence signed and stamped by the competent tax authority of the country concerned.
- Identity card issued by the relevant authority.
- And in appropriate cases, the corresponding invoice for the total amount of the prize (taxes included in the total amount of the prize, taxable base lower than the prize).

The documentation should be sent to the following address: Almeria Provincial Council, Área de Cultura, Cine e Identidad Almeriense, Pz. Julio Alfredo Egea, 3, 04001 Almería.

The deadline for receipt of the documentation, including the invoice where applicable, both for winners resident or not in Spain, **is 9 December 2025**. If it has not been received within the established deadline, it will be understood that the **prize amount** has been **waived**.

9. SENDING AND RETURNING COPIES

The cost of sending the copies shall be borne by the participants.

Copies submitted for selection will not be returned and will become part of the Festival archive. They will be available for viewing by accredited members of the public during the festival dates.

10. AUTHORISATION FOR USE

The copies exhibited that win the award for best international short film, the award for best national short film, the audience award for best short film, the ASECAN award for best Andalusian short film and the AP-APAL award for best short film from Almería will become the property of the video library of the Provincial Council of Almería, which will have the right to use these short films, for cultural and non-profit purposes, for exhibition in the

province of Almería and the promotion of the Almería International Film Festival. For the payment of the aforementioned prizes, authorization for use by the prize-winner is required. For this reason, the entry form includes the "Authorization of use", which must be completed at the time of application, and which Almería Provincial Council will use exclusively with those films that receive the aforementioned prizes.

11. RESOLUTION OF THE CONCESSION

The jury's proposal for the awarding of prizes will be submitted to the competent body of the Almería Provincial Council, for it to adopt the corresponding agreement.

The decision will put an end to administrative proceedings and may be appealed before the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction within two months and, optionally, beforehand, in administrative proceedings, by means of the appeal for reconsideration provided for in Law 39/2015, on Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.

The award agreement will be notified to the winners by publication in the Official Gazette of the Province of Almería and on the notice board of the website of the Almería Provincial Council for inclusion in the transparency portal.

11. CONSENT AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Participants in this competition consent to the processing of their personal data contained in their application to participate, under the office of ALMERÍA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL for the purpose of managing **AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS AWARDED BY ALMERÍA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**, based on the legitimation of CONSENT, More information on personal data protection in this [link](#) (by pressing CTRL+Click) or you can apply in person on paper at the information office or unit where you carry out your management.

You may exercise your rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limitation and portability by proving your identity, as indicated in the information in the link. Your refusal to provide them will make it impossible for you to participate in the competition.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participation in the XXIV Almeria International Film Festival implies the acceptance of all the sections of these rules, as well as the resolution by the organization of any problem not included in these rules.