

## **EDN press release: Below ZERO 2016 is Calling all Filmmakers**

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**Filmmakers from all around the world are now invited to submit documentary projects on every aspects of life above the Arctic Circle. Projects selected for Below ZERO will pitch to a panel of international decision makers as well as compete for The Arctic Documentary Award and The Below Zero Award. The deadline for submitting your project is 26 November 2015.**

Below ZERO is an international pitching session for documentary projects focusing on life above the Arctic Circle. It takes place on 20 - 23 January 2016 in Tromsø, Norway. At the session a wide range of documentary projects on all subjects related to this matter will be pitched. These can be projects focusing on culture, environment, resources, politics, climate changes and indigenous peoples as well as general human stories.

In addition to pitching to international financiers the projects selected for Below ZERO will be competing for two awards. The Arctic Documentary Award, NOK 40.000, is granted to the project which has the best political, environmental or cultural relevance to the Arctic and has an international potential for financing and distribution. The Below Zero Award, NOK 10.000, is given for the most innovative project.

Filmmakers from all over the world are welcome to submit projects for Below ZERO. Stories with a broad international market appeal are preferred. From the submitted project proposals a maximum of 12 projects will be selected for participation. The working language will be English.

For Below ZERO a number of observer seats are available. When participating as an observer you will take part in all sessions on equal terms with the pitching participants. Only exception is not having a concrete project developed and pitched. Further details on Below ZERO and how to submit your Arctic documentary project are available on the EDN web site via <http://www.edn.dk/activities/edn-activities-2016/below-zero-2016/>

### **Background on Below ZERO**

The Below ZERO event was initiated in 2009 in order to bring together filmmakers, producers, financiers and organizations whose common interests are documentaries thematically rooted in the Northern Polar region. Building on the success of the first seven editions of Below ZERO, this eighth edition will further strengthen and develop the international network for documentaries made around or focusing on the Arctic region. Below ZERO is set in Tromsø, Northern Norway, during the last days of the polar night. Below ZERO is organised by EDN – European Documentary Network. The event takes place in the framework of Tromsø International Film Festival.

### **About EDN**

EDN - European Documentary Network is a global network for professionals working with documentary film and TV. EDN has about 1000 members from more than 60 countries and is involved in over 50 documentary events every year. EDN provides documentary consulting and informs about possibilities for funding, financing, development, co-production, distribution and collaboration across borders. This is done via individual consultancy to members on documentary projects, activities like workshops, seminars and conferences as well as through the "EDN Financing Guide" and the "EDN Co-production Guide", two indispensable resource publications provided by EDN. More about EDN: [www.edn.dk/edn](http://www.edn.dk/edn).

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