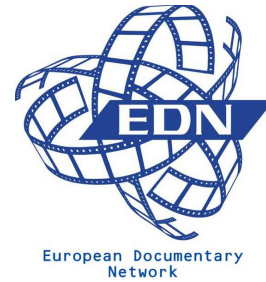


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**Filmmakers from around the world are invited to submit their documentary projects on every aspects of life above the Arctic Circle for the next edition of NORTH PITCH — Below Zero. Selected projects will be pitched to a panel of international decision makers and compete for The Arctic Documentary Award and The Below Zero Award. The deadline for submitting projects is 27 November 2017.**

**NORTH PITCH — Below Zero** is an international pitching session for documentary projects focusing on life above the Arctic Circle. It takes place on 17 - 20 January 2018 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.

The projects selected for NORTH PITCH — Below Zero will be competing for 2 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. Kulturnæringsstiftelsen SNN is funding both awards.

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.

NORTH PITCH - Below Zero consists of a producers-meet-producers set up, a 2-day workshop and will conclude with a pitching session, where the selected projects are pitched to a panel of international financiers and experts. An essential part of NORTH PITCH — Below Zero is the pre-pitch workshop, where the selected projects will be developed under guidance from experienced international experts from the documentary business. Further details on Below ZERO and how to submit your Arctic documentary project are available on the EDN web site via <http://edn.network/activities/edn-activities-2018/below-zero-2018/>

### **Background on NORTH PITCH - Below ZERO**

The NORTH PITCH - Below Zero event was initiated in 2009 in order to bring together filmmakers, producers, financiers and organizations whose common interest is documentaries thematically rooted in the Northern Polar region. Building on the success of the first eight editions of NORTH PITCH - Below Zero, this ninth edition will further strengthen and develop the international network for documentaries made around or focusing on the Arctic region. NORTH PITCH - Below Zero is set in Tromsø, Northern Norway, during the last days of the polar night.

### **About EDN**

EDN - European Documentary Network is a global network for professionals working with documentary film and TV. EDN has around 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: <http://edn.network>.

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