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## **EDN Announces Merger With The Documentary Filmmakers Group DFG**

**The UK-based Documentary Filmmakers Group (DFG) will cease its activities under that name and will merge with the European Documentary Network (EDN), based in Copenhagen and Brussels. All future activities will be conducted under the EDN brand. The merger aims to combine the benefits of two major networks and to join forces to become the largest pan-European documentary collective united under the EDN brand.**

The merger between EDN and The DFG comes at a time when the documentary world is facing fragmented audiences, new digital opportunities, changing laws and policies and a fast changing media landscape. A single but strong organisation will be better suited to represent the interests of documentary filmmakers in a media environment that faces a multitude of challenges.

"With an ever-expanding international membership, we want to be able to meet everyone's needs. And when we look to the future, we know that by joining forces with an organisation that has its finger on the pulse of documentary, with a reach throughout Europe and beyond, and with a strong agenda to campaign for, advocate and lobby for documentary filmmakers and the genre of documentary film, we know we can do so much more with EDN than we can do alone. Current DFG members will have the opportunity to benefit from all advantages that have previously only been available to members of EDN.", says Andy Glynn, DFG Founder and Chairman of EDN.

"I am very excited about the merger between our two associations, and I have no doubt that the members from both will profit a lot from it, now that we've become one strong organisation. We shared the same values and objectives, and I have no doubt that by joining our forces we will be in an even better position to serve the documentary community than we are today", says Paul Pauwels, Director of EDN.

More details about how the merger will unfold will be announced to members of The DFG and EDN in the coming weeks. The EDN team looks forward to welcoming the new community members and to continuing the legacy on a new level with the scope of services and advantages that EDN provides to its members.

## **About EDN**

The European Documentary Network is a global network for professionals working with documentary film and TV. Around 1000 members from more than 60 countries have joined EDN. The organisation is open for both newcomers and established filmmakers from around the world. 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.

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