



GMIFF

**GREEN MONTENEGRO
INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST**

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Green Montenegro IFF is the only international film festival in Montenegro dedicated to environmental protection, ecology, and sustainable development, which has been held continuously for 10 years, thus becoming recognized as the center of the country's environmental identity.

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The festival takes place in one of the most beautiful natural environments in Europe, in the Durmitor National Park, in Žabljak, during the last weekend of July or the first weekend of August, always outdoors, at night, in a pine forest, beside the Black Lake (a UNESCO zone) as well as in the heart of the city at the Square of Durmitor Warriors.

In 2018, the festival became a full member of the prestigious international organization Green Film Network, based in Innsbruck, Austria, thus positioning itself on the global map of environmental film festivals among the top 31 in the world!

<https://www.greenfilmnet.org/members/green-montenegro/info>

The concept of Green Montenegro IFF has been presented on three continents so far: at the Life After Oil Festival 2022 in Sardinia, Italy, the Yangcheon Autumn Culture Festival 2023 in Seoul, South Korea, and the Environmental Film Festival in Washington, USA, in 2024.

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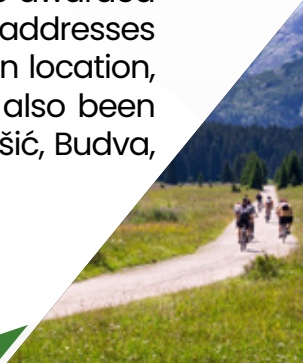




The festival is competitive, educational, and non-commercial, while the program of Green Montenegro IFF is divided into four categories: Ecology, Ecology of the Soul, Promotional Tourism Films, and Student Films.

On average, around 500 films are submitted to the festival annually, from which 50 films are selected and screened (*including feature films, documentaries, feature-length and short films, animated, fiction, etc.*). These films are viewed by between 800 and 1200 spectators over three to five days of the festival.

In addition to awards for first, second, and third place in the mentioned categories, a Grand Prix is also awarded for the best film of the festival, which typically addresses an environmental theme. Apart from the main location, screenings and other festival activities have also been held in five Montenegrin cities (Podgorica, Nikšić, Budva, Danilovgrad, and Bijelo Polje).



The goals of Green Montenegro IFF are to develop and raise the level of responsibility and knowledge about the need for environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, shaping further directions in the development of culture, education, and social activism by acquiring global trends in ecology and cinematography that Montenegro aspires to.

In addition to film screenings, the festival catalyzes concrete actions and sustainable ideas aimed at promoting Montenegrin cinematography and the natural beauty and resources of our country.

Within the festival, alongside film screenings from all over the world, there are lectures, masterclasses, conferences, exhibitions, rafting tours, hiking, cycling tours, kayaking on lakes, promotion of organic food (slow food concept), etc.





Within the festival, 1000 trees were planted in the Durmitor National Park by volunteers in areas affected by fires, in collaboration with the Forestry Administration.

Around 15,000 children and teenagers from primary and secondary schools nationwide watched environmental films from the Green Montenegro IFF in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.



The 9th edition of GMIFF in 2023 was opened by the German Oscar winner Peter (Pepe) Danquart (Oscar for the film "Schwarzfahrer," 1994), the former director of KotorArt - Don Branko's Days of Music Ratimir Martinović, celebrated Yugoslav director Branko Baletić, the Presidents of the Montenegrin Parliament Aleksa Bečić and Ivan Brajović, the UN System Coordinator in Montenegro Fiona McCluney, Prince Nikola Petrović, and other significant figures from the world of culture, ecology, diplomacy, etc.

During the festival, the capital city - Podgorica, illuminates one of its symbols, the Millennium Bridge, in green color, in collaboration with Green Montenegro IFF, to draw attention to a higher level of responsibility and knowledge about the need for environmental protection, both in natural and urban environments.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6TD_mYKZII



We are pleased to highlight that every year, the festival and its noble idea, which is its *raison d'être*, receive video messages from various parts of the world, from exceptional individuals in the fields of cinematography, ecology, activism, literature, music, etc., without whom our festival would not be so special. Some of the names include Indian peace promoter Tara Gandhi Bhattacharje (granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi), Yugoslav and Bosnian-Herzegovinian poet and screenwriter Abdulah Sidran, actresses Svetlana Ceca Bojković, Ana Vujošević, actors Mišo Obradović, Žarko Radić, and Muamer Kasumović, as well as Rambo Amadeus, Darko Rundek, Ksenija Prohaska, Aleksandar Radunović – Popaj, Kaliopi, and many others.




Past guests of the festival include Dimitrije Popović, Tiha Stanić, Branislav Lečić, Marko Janketić, Dong Hee Chun, Dino Mustafić, Mustafa Mustafić, Tiziana Caminada, Mima Karadžić, and many other regular and new guests from the region, Europe, and the world.



Since January 1st, 2024, Green Montenegro IFF has been a part of the large international project Food on Film, supported by the European Commission with a grant of 465,868.26 EUR (total: 665,526.09 EUR), lasting until March 2026. The project is implemented in partnership with Slow Food International, Associazione Cinemambiente from Italy, Verein Nature Festival from Austria, Green Montenegro IFF from Montenegro, and Mobilevent from France. The aim of the project is the international promotion of healthy eating and organic products in partner countries.



The festival receives annual support from the relevant ministries of culture and ecology, the Montenegrin Film Centre, the Municipality of Žabljak, and other partners and friends of GMIFF.



The festival's selectors and jury are composed of domestic and international experts in the fields of cinematography and ecology from countries including *Argentina, the USA, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, France, South Korea, Montenegro, Ukraine, Germany, Scotland, and others.*

The main media sponsor of the festival, since its establishment, is Radio Television of Montenegro - RTCG.

All significant decisions in the interest of GMIFF are made by the Festival Council, which has held 13 sessions to date.





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