

# ZINE GO AK

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Billboko LGTBQ+ Nazioarteko Zinema eta Arte Eszenikoen Jaialdia 2026  
Festival Internacional de Cine y Artes escénicas LGTBQ+ de Bilbao 2026  
Bilbao International LGTBQ+ Film and Performing Arts Festival 2026

### DESCRIPTION

Zinegoak is organized by Zinegoak Association and will take place in the city of Bilbao, Spain, June 2026.

### PARTICIPANTS

All films which have an approach to sexual and gender diversity and LGTBQ+ families, which have been produced after January 1st, 2024 and never had been broadcasted or commercially released in Basque Country.

### INSCRIPTION

In order to enter the pre-selection stage for Zinegoak 2026, the inscription must be sent before March 1st 2026. Should include the online inscription fully filled out and signed or stamped by the direction or the producer, to:

- <https://zinegoak.com/izen-ematea/>
- and inscriptions through Festome
- or by e-mail [films@zinegoak.com](mailto:films@zinegoak.com)
- An online screener, preferably with spanish or english subtitles.

The registration will only be accepted if it is fully completed.

### OFFICIAL SELECTION

The organisation will inform the producers or the representatives of the selection before April 16th 2026 and will not be made public before June 2026.

The selected films will be divided into 4 sections depending on their duration and characteristics: FIK feature films (films over 45 minutes), DOK feature documentaries (films over 45 minutes), KRAK feature films and documentaries, and short films (films under 45 minutes)

Zinegoak could use up to 90 seconds of the film images for promotional purposes.

### OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

Las personas responsables de las películas The producers or representatives of the films included in the official selection must:

- Provide a projection copy (Bluray, H264 or DCP) before May 1st 2026. Incomplete copies, in bad condition, with poor quality or in a different support than those specified, will not be accepted.
- In case the film needs to be subtitled:
- Subtitle file (srt) and/or dialogue list in Spanish, if it had any.
- Subtitle file (srt) and/or dialogue list in English or french, before May 1st 2026.
- Clean (no subtitles) movie trailer (mov, mp4, H264) full HD
- 3 frames, film poster, director's photo in high resolution (300 ppp)
- Projection copies might be also sent via e-mail: [films@gmail.com](mailto:films@gmail.com), or to the following address: Asociación Zinegoak Elkarte (Zinegoak IFF) C/ Dos de Mayo 7 bajo izq, 48003 Bilbao - Bizkaia (Spain)
- In case of not receiving the required materials by the due dates, the organization reserves the right to remove the film from the competition. Once selected for Zinegoak 2026, no film can be removed before its last screening.

### SHIPPING AND RETURN

The cost of postage for sending the projection-ready copy will be the responsibility of the producer or representatives of each film. In order to avoid customs duties and delays, it is best to write "ACTIVIDAD CULTURAL SIN VALOR COMERCIAL" (cultural activity without commercial value) on the box containing the projection-ready copy.

Zinegoak will cover the cost of postage for returning the projection-ready copy to the producer or

representatives. All copies will be returned to the address of origin, except when instructed otherwise. In this case, the producer or representatives must send an e-mail, both stating the new address, as well as authorizing that the film will be returned there.

Zinegoak will insure the copies from the moment of their arrival at the Festival offices or at the premises of its customs agent, until such time as they are returned. Under no circumstances Zinegoak will be responsible for damage or loss during shipment.

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE AND JURIES**

Zinegoak will agree on the composition of the Selection Committee and the respective Juries for each of the categories and / or prizes. These bodies will be composed of people related to cinematography and / or LGBTIQ+ activism and their decisions will be final.

## **JURIES**

- FIK Feature Film International Jury (3 members)
- DOK Documentary Film International Jury (3 members)
- KRAK New Narratives Films International Jury (3 members)
- Basque Actors Association Jury. 3 members of the Association.
- Youth Jury. Students of different schools and student organizations (up to 20 members)
- Diversity and Human Rights Jury. 3 members belonging to Human Rights organizations and Film Festivals.
- Lesbianism and Gender Jury. Integrated by lesbian and feminist local and regional organizations.
- Senior Jury, 10-15 +65 years people.

## **AWARDS**

Winners will be announced at Zinegoak's Closing Ceremony and divided in the following categories:

- Zinegoak Grand Prix to the best 2026 feature (4,000€), sponsored by ETB. Awarded to the winning work in one of the 3 official categories FIK, DOK, KRAK of the festival that adds the highest number of points in the public voting.
- Zinegoak FIK Award, to the best FIK Feature, awarded by the International FIK Jury.
- Zinegoak DOK Award, to the best DOK Feature,

awarded by the International DOK Jury.

- Zinegoak KRAK Award, to the best KRAK Feature, awarded by the International KRAK Jury.
- Zinegoak's Audience Award to Best Short Film (1,000 €).
- The Basque Actors Union will award:
  - > Best Main Performance on a Feature Film
  - > Best Secondary Performance on a Feature Film
- Youth Award to the best Short film.
- Senior Award to the best Short film.
- Diversity and Human Rights Award (3,000 €), sponsored by the Department for Social Action and Citizen's Rights of Bizkaia Provincial Council, to the film which better treats the situation of human and social rights all around the world.
- Lesbianism and Gender Award (3,000 €), sponsored by the Area of Equality, Cooperation, Diversity and Festivities of the Council of Bilbao, to the film which better treats the subject of lesbianism and gender.

In addition to the official awards, the jurors may grant as many mentions as they deem appropriate, all without any remuneration whatsoever.

The awards endowment is subject to the retentions established by the current law, which will be deducted from the delivery of the prize. Half of the award (50%) will be allocated for the distributor of the award-winning film in Spain, if available at the time of the award or in the course of the year 2026. The rest of the amount (the other 50% of the whole if the winner does not have a distributor in Spain) will be destined to the person responsible of the direction of the film. The corresponding monetary prize will be divided into as many equal parts as directors had the work, if necessary.

The prizes will be paid by means of a nominal bank transfer during the year 2026. If any of the winning films could generate any expenses of screening, fiscal procedure or others, the corresponding amount would be deducted from the prize. Once the prize-winners have been decided, the producer of the winning film must indicate the bank information for the monetary income of the prize amount to the festival organization. If this information is not transmitted within nine months, the producer will lose its right to claim any amount.

## **AWARD-WINNING FILMS**

The winning works (prizes or mentions) in this contest are required to display in all their publicity the legend and logos provided by the organization.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

The present rules are published in Basque language, Spanish and English. Where there is any doubt, divergence or ambiguity, the Spanish version will be the valid one.

The participation in Zinegoak 2026 implies the total acceptance of these rules, and the decisions that the team of Zinegoak could make.