

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

V60

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is V60: Vertical Film Challenge?

V60 is a Europe-wide creative challenge by Screen Talent Europe inviting emerging filmmakers to create a short vertical film within 60 hours.

When does the challenge start and end?

The challenge starts on Friday 12 June 2026 at 10:00 CET and ends on Sunday 14 June 2026 at 22:00 CET.

When will the theme be announced?

The official theme will be announced at the start of the challenge on 12 June 2026 at 10:00 CET on all our social channels and through email.

How long do participants have to make their film?

Participants have exactly 60 hours to write, shoot, edit, and submit their film.

PARTICIPATION

Who can join?

The challenge is open to emerging filmmakers, animators, artists, and visual storytellers across the Screen Talent Europe and Screen Talent NL network.

Do all team members need to be from the same country?

No. However, participants are encouraged to collaborate locally whenever possible.

Is there a maximum team size?

There is no strict maximum, but teams are encouraged to keep production light and manageable in line with the Action Manifesto principles.

Can I participate alone?

Yes. You can join individually or in a small team.

FILM REQUIREMENTS

What format should my film be?

Your film must be created in vertical 9:16 format.

What genres are allowed?

All short-form formats are welcome, including:

- Fiction
- Documentary
- Animation
- Experimental or hybrid work

Can I shoot on my phone?

Yes. Participants are encouraged to use available resources, including smartphones and lightweight equipment.

Can I use footage or material created before the challenge?

No. The entire production must take place within the official 60-hour challenge period.

Can I use archive footage, stock footage, or pre-made assets?

Only if you have the rights to use them, and they do not conflict with the spirit of the challenge. Original work is strongly encouraged.

Is there a minimum/maximum film length?

Minimum length is 1 minute. There is no maximum film length.

LOCATION & PRODUCTION RULES

What does the 10 km rule mean?

All filming must take place within a 10 km radius of your chosen set location.

How do I choose my set location?

Teams can choose their own starting location before production begins. All filming should remain within 10 km of that point.

Do we need to prove our filming locations?

Participants may be asked to provide proof of compliance, such as behind-the-scenes images, metadata, or location details.

Can we travel outside the 10 km radius for meetings or preparation?

Preparation is allowed, but all production activities connected to filming should comply with the 10 km rule.

Can we film in multiple locations?

Yes, as long as all locations are within your 10 km radius.

ACTION MANIFESTO & SUSTAINABILITY

What is the Action Manifesto?

The challenge is inspired by sustainable filmmaking principles that encourage:

- Local collaboration
- Small crews and simple setups
- Using available locations and resources
- Low-impact production methods
- Building connections between people, places, and cultures

Is sustainability mandatory or only encouraged?

Projects should reflect the principles of the Action Manifesto as part of the challenge concept.

SUBMISSION

How do I submit my film?

Films must be submitted through WeTransfer (or any other transfer link) by email to v60@cinenord.nl. Participants are also encouraged to post the film as an **Instagram Reels** and invite [@v60challenge](https://www.instagram.com/v60challenge) as a collaborator.

What is the submission deadline?

Sunday 14 June 2026 at 22:00 CET.

Can I replace my submission after sending it?

Only before the deadline. After 22:00 CET, no further changes can be accepted

What happens if I submit after the deadline?

Late submissions are not eligible for competition or jury selection, but may still be featured on V60 social media channels..

What file format should I submit?

Films must be submitted as an MP4 file in vertical 9:16 format. We recommend exporting in 1080 x 1920 px (Full HD) using standard H.264 compression.

AWARDS & SELECTION

What can participants win?

Each winning filmmaker or team will be linked to a Screen Talent Europe partner organisation.

Each winner receives a €500 professional development grant, intended for:

- Talent camps
- Workshops
- Pitching forums
- Similar professional opportunities

Will selected films be shared publicly?

Yes. Selected films may be featured on:

- Screen Talent Europe channels
- V60 Instagram
- TikTok
- YouTube

Please provide your social media handles in the submission email.

How many winners will be selected?

An international jury will announce three winning films in September 2026.

RIGHTS & DISTRIBUTION

Do participants keep the rights to their films?

Yes. Filmmakers retain ownership of their work.

Can I publish my film elsewhere after the challenge?

Yes, unless otherwise specified by the organisers.

By submitting, do I allow V60 to share my film?

Yes. Submission includes permission for Screen Talent Europe and V60 to showcase selected films across their platforms.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Can I ask questions during the challenge weekend?

Yes. Participants can ask questions in the Discord or through email. Please keep in mind that an answer through email could take longer.

Where can I follow updates?

Follow V60 and Screen Talent Europe on their official channels for announcements and updates.