

Call for Entries: Sehsüchte Festival 2026 - A world we want to believe in

The Sehsüchte Festival, Europe's largest international student film festival, invites filmmakers, screenwriters, and creative minds from around the world to submit their works for the 55th edition of the festival.

In the 55th edition of Sehsüchte, we want to broaden our perspective under the motto What's left? into the past, present, and future. What's left? asks what remains—of our ideals, our homeland, our hopes and fears, and of a world we wanted to believe in.

Hard Facts!

- When: 22. - 26. April 2026
- Where: Waschhaus Potsdam, Schiffsbauergasse 6 in 14467 Potsdam
- Theme: What's left!
- Deadline: 12.01.2026

Films can be submitted from **November 17, 2025, to January 12, 2026.**

Submission categories

Films and projects can be submitted in the following categories:

- Feature film
- Documentary film
- Animated film
- Social Impact and Producing (socially critical films)
- Future (children's and youth films)
- Schreibsüchte: Screenplay & Pitch Competition
- 360° & VR
- Digital Media Art (Exhibition)

Regulations

- Films and projects produced after January 1, 2025 are eligible for participation.
- Further details on technical requirements and submission can be found on our website: www.sehsuechte.de

Why Sehsüchte?

The Sehsüchte Festival is more than just a film festival—it is a vibrant meeting place for creative minds, a place for exchange, and a platform for young talent.

From April 22, 2026, to April 26, 2026, Europe's largest international student film festival invites you to discover extraordinary works and immerse yourself in the visions of tomorrow's filmmakers.

With a clear focus on creative diversity, socially relevant topics, and aesthetic inspiration, Sehsüchte offers young filmmakers from all over the world the chance to present their work to an international audience and industry professionals. Here, innovative ideas meet inspiring exchange – a platform that celebrates art and culture in all its facets.

Sehsüchte stands for openness, diversity, and the courage to try something new.

Do you have any questions or need further information? Our team is always happy to help: presse@sehsuechte.de.

We look forward to your stories, visions, and perspectives!

