



XVI EDITION 2026 – REGULATIONS

The association "Cercando il Cinema APS" will organize the fifteenth edition of the **EcoFestiValPesio** from 17-20 marzo 2026, in collaboration with the Municipality of Chiusa di Pesio, the Chiusa di Pesio-Peveragno Comprehensive School, the Management Authority for the Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps - Maritime Alps Natural Park, and under the patronage of the Piedmont Region and the Province of Cuneo.

Works from all over the world will be accepted, and short films and feature films, divided into three sections, will be evaluated by a jury of five members selected by the Festival's Artistic Director, Giancarlo Baudena.

Compliant works, whether finalists or not, will be cataloged and added to the Festival archive, available to schools and institutions upon request for exclusively educational use. These works may also be used for promotional events organized by "Cercando il Cinema APS" with free admission, subject to the authors' consent.

The public screenings of the finalist films will take place during a tour after being viewed and evaluated by the students of the Chiusa di Pesio-Peveragno Comprehensive School. Outdoor evening screenings will occur in Chiusa di Pesio, at the headquarters of the organizing association "Cercando il Cinema APS," in July (exact dates to be determined). The winning films will be screened and awarded on **20 marzo, 2026**, at the Riccardo Mucciarelli Hall, c/o Maritime Alps Park Authority, Via S. Anna, Chiusa di Pesio (CN).

EcoFestiValPesio consists of three sections:

ECOLOGICAL THEME SECTION

- **Special Memorial Award for "Mauro Fissore":** Best animated/documentary/fiction short film on Alpine flora and fauna. Maximum duration: 30 minutes.
- **Special Memorial Award for "Andreino Ponzio":** Best animated/documentary/fiction short film on environmental themes. Maximum duration: 30 minutes.

- **Special Award “Fritillaria – Save Biodiversity”**: Best animated/documentary/fiction short film on biodiversity. Maximum duration: 30 minutes.
- **Special Memorial Award for "Gianfranco Baudena"**: Best medium/feature film addressing ethical, social, and environmental issues. Duration: over 30 minutes.

FREE THEME SECTION

- Best fiction short film: Free theme, duration 1–30 minutes.
- Best documentary short film: Free theme, duration 1–30 minutes.
- Best animated short film: Free theme, duration 1–30 minutes.

SCHOOL-BASED SHORT FILM SECTION

- Best animated/fiction/documentary short film: Duration 1–20 minutes. Determined by the jury.
- Best animated/fiction/documentary short film: Duration 1–20 minutes. Determined by the students of the Chiusa di Pesio-Peveragno Comprehensive School.

Regulations and Admission Conditions

The Festival is open to filmmakers, production companies, and schools that submit:

1. **Animated films**: Any format, free or ecological theme, duration 1–30 minutes.
2. **Documentary and fiction films**: Free or ecological theme. Shorts must not exceed 30 minutes, documentaries 30 minutes, and school works 20 minutes.
3. **Medium/feature films**: Duration exceeding 30 minutes.

Submission Methods and Deadlines

Submissions must be made using one of the following methods by **28 febbraio 2026**:

1. **Pre-selection**: Submit in HD format via download link, accompanied by the Entry Form, a description of the author and the work, photos, and production details to **festival@cercandoilcinema.it**. Platforms like Vimeo or WeTransfer are acceptable.
2. <https://filmfreeway.com/EcoFestivalPesio>

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Important Notes

- Incomplete or unreadable materials will not be considered.
- Submission shipping costs are the responsibility of participants.
- Non-Italian works must include Italian or English subtitles; otherwise, they will be excluded.
- Selected authors will be notified by the Festival's Management via email.
- The Festival is not responsible for theft, damage, or loss of materials.

Selection and Awards

A special commission, appointed by the Artistic Director, will select the finalists from the submissions received by **28 febbraio 2026**. A second jury of at least three members, also appointed by the Artistic Director, will evaluate the finalists and determine the winners.

Awards

Each category winner will receive a painting featuring the "Fritillaria" flower (symbol of EcoFestiValPesio).

Winners will also receive parchment certificates with jury motivations.