



# ICE AND FIRE DOCS

## Creative documentary workshop

“Ice and Fire Docs” is a documentary workshop for Estonian and Finnish documentary filmmakers with international ambitions. Throughout the three-part workshop the participants will work with different aspects of developing, producing, financing and distributing a feature length documentary film. Estonian and Finnish filmmakers are welcome to apply with a film project that is in development or in the early stage of production. The working language of the workshop is English.



### FOCUS:

- ▶ to develop the director’s artistic vision, clearly recognisable visual language and style
- ▶ to discuss the different techniques in telling a story and analyse character development, narrative structure, rhythm and editing
- ▶ to prepare the teams for presenting their film ideas and give advice on finding international co-producers
- ▶ to formulate possible marketing and distribution strategy for an international audience

### TIMELINE:

- November 23, 2020**  
Announcing the call for projects.
- January 11, 2021:**  
Submission deadline for the projects.
- January 25, 2021:**  
Announcing the selected projects.
- March 1-3, 2021: Session 1.**  
Focus: storytelling, narrative, dramaturgy.
- June 9-11, 2021: Session 2.**  
Focus: editing, visual language.
- October 2021: Session 3.**  
Focus: distribution, marketing, packaging.

## FORMAT:

The workshop includes **group sessions, one-on-one meetings, private consultations, lectures** and **masterclasses** that are open to the public (for film industry and students).

## PARTICIPANTS:

**6-7 project teams from Estonia and Finland** each consisting of 2-3 persons. The director and producer must participate in all three sessions. They can be accompanied by the film's co-author, screen-writer or editor (depending on the subject of the session).

## TUTORS:

The workshop's creative director is the acclaimed tutor **Mikael Opstrup**. In the first two sessions he will be accompanied by **Jesper Osmund**, an internationally renowned film editor and narrative consultant who has edited more than 100 documentaries. Other tutors will be announced later.

## LOCATION:

Sessions 1 and 3 of the workshop will take place in locations near Tallinn, Estonia. Session 2 will take place in Finland.



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## PARTICIPATION COSTS:

Participation fee, accommodation and catering are covered by the organisers.

## APPLY:

**To apply for the workshop** please send the following **materials about the film project** and the **team** by **January 11, 2021** to [iafd@dokfilm.ee](mailto:iafd@dokfilm.ee):

- ▶ **General data of the film** (title, length, genre etc)
- ▶ **Logline**
- ▶ **Synopsis** (½ page)
- ▶ **Treatment** (2 pages)
- ▶ **Motivation letter** (1-2 pages):  
why are we making this film?  
why would we like to take part in the workshop?
- ▶ **Visual material** (trailer or selected scenes up to 5 minutes)
- ▶ **Short biographies of the director and producer**
- ▶ **Financing plan and the total sum of the production budget**

## Partners:

The partner organisations include the Cultural Endowment of Estonia, the Creative Europe Desk Estonia and the Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture (AVEK).

## Organisers:

The workshop is initiated by the Estonian Documentary Guild and the Estonian Film Institute and organised in close co-operation with the Finnish Documentary Guild.