

OPEN CALL: GETTING STARTED IN NATURAL HISTORY FILMMAKING



Nature Through Her Eyes (NTHE) is a regional training and mentorship program by **The VII Foundation**, supported by **UNESCO** and the **French Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina**.

Designed for women interested in documentary storytelling, nature, biodiversity, and environmental conservation, the program combines online learning, mentorship, and an intensive in-person masterclass in Sarajevo led by internationally recognized industry professionals.

WHAT THE PROGRAMME OFFERS

- Online learning and mentorship
- Practical project development
- 10-day masterclass in Sarajevo
- Feedback from international industry professionals
- Access to professional RED Digital Cinema equipment
- Regional network of women storytellers
- **EUR 1,250 Project Development Grant** upon successful completion

PARTICIPATION

Participation is **free of charge**.

Selected participants receive:

- Travel to Sarajevo
- Accommodation
- Meals during the workshop
- Full participation in all program activities

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be women or female-identifying
- Be from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania, or North Macedonia
- Be 18 years or older
- Speak English
- Have an interest in storytelling, nature, science, conservation, or visual communication

Previous experience in natural history filmmaking is not required.

PROGRAMME DATES

Application deadline

15 August 2026 | 23:59 CEST

Online Programme

1–25 September 2026
(Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Masterclass

1–10 October 2026
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

APPLY NOW

The program is implemented by The VII Foundation and Nature Through Her Eyes and supported by UNESCO through the United Nations regional initiative Youth 4 Inclusion, Equality & Trust, in partnership with the French Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The joint regional United Nations initiative 'Youth 4 Inclusion, Equality & Trust' empowers young people to engage in constructive narratives, strengthen intercultural dialogue, inclusion, gender equality and create mutual understanding and trust. Collaboratively, UNESCO, UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women, and relevant partners from the public sector, media, civil society, academia and culture – are working together with youth to increase comprehension and respect for diversity in the region, financially supported by the UN Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund.

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