



## Jean-Loup Passek Award film submissions open until May 20th

Promoted by the **MDOC - Melgaço International Documentary Festival**, the **Jean Loup Passek award** is accepting film submissions until May 20th, 2022. Film documentaries, produced in any country and regardless of duration, can compete for the award, especially those focused on the festival's themes: **identity, memory and border**.

All submitted films, short, medium and feature documentary films, will be scrutinised by the **Jean Loup Passek award jury**, and screened during the MDOC festival, between August 1 and 7, 2022, when the winners will be announced. The winning film in the feature film category will be awarded a prize of 3,000 euros, the best short film will receive 1,500 euros and the best Portuguese documentary in competition, regardless of length, will receive the national prize, worth 1,000 euros.

The **Jean Loup Passek Award** was named in honour of the French writer and film critic, cinema adviser at the Center Georges Pompidou, founder and director of the Festival de la Rochelle and coordinator of the "Caméra d'Or" section of the Cannes Film Festival. During his life, Jean-Loup Passek crossed paths with two Portuguese immigrants in France, originally from Melgaço, and the film critic ended up developing a deep relationship with the municipality of northern Portugal, donating his entire estate to the town of Melgaço.

In addition to the Jean Loup Passek Award, the films in competition will automatically be candidates for the **D. Quixote Award**, promoted by the International Federation of Film Clubs and with its own jury, nominated by the institution promoting the award.

The **MDOC festival** is an initiative of the Melgaço Town Hall in partnership with AO NORTE – Association of Audiovisual Production and Animation, which has been taking place since 2013 and aims to promote and disseminate ethnographic and social cinema, as well as reflect on identity, memory and borders.

Further information about the award and the application process can be found on the festival's website at [www.mdofestival.pt](http://www.mdofestival.pt)

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