

MANIFESTA 16 Ruhr

Open Call: Do you want to be the official videographer for Manifesta 16 Ruhr?

What is Manifesta?

Manifesta is the European Nomadic Biennial – a cultural event that moves to a new location within Europe for each edition. Since its 30 years of existence, Manifesta has become one of the most influential and forward-thinking biennials in the world, renowned for its pioneering approach that connects art, social dialogue, urban research and civic engagement.

Manifesta 16 Ruhr will take place in various cities across the Ruhr Area in 2026, focusing on the transformation of former churches into spaces for culture and community. The headquarters of Manifesta 16 Ruhr are located in Gelsenkirchen-Ückendorf.

The Project

Are you ready to document one of the most exciting art events in Europe? As part of the Marketing and Communications team, you will be the videographer following Manifesta 16 Ruhr behind the scenes. This is a unique opportunity to document all major events, capturing the work of international and local artists, architects and the vibrant life of the biennial. You will be responsible for the videographic journey of Manifesta 16 Ruhr – from the people, exhibitions, installations, events and the venues to the unique atmosphere of the project, with your videos used on social media, website and international digital advertising campaigns.

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Responsibilities (Selection)

- **Campaign Content:** Approximately 8 short "Save the Date" or campaign clips (15–30 seconds) for social media and outdoor promotional use, focusing on the main venues and host cities across the Ruhr Area
- **Event Coverage:** Documentation of warm-up programme events, teaser videos and the Preview Days in June 2026.
- **Interviews:** Short clips (30–45 seconds) featuring Manifesta 16 stakeholders and artists.
- **Education Programme:** Dedicated short videos documenting the education and mediation projects.
- **After Movies:** Production of different edits (e.g. 1.5 and 3 minutes) capturing the essence of the biennial.

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Requirements

- Some professional experience as a videographer within the cultural field, preferably in contemporary art, urbanism or architecture.
- Strong technical skills in filming and post-production, including the Adobe Suite (Premiere, After Effects, Photoshop and Illustrator).
- Ability to create visual content that will be used for digital formats such as videos, GIFs, stories and social media publications
- A valid driving license and access to a vehicle are **highly desirable**
- Willingness to work flexible hours and travel within the Ruhr Area
- Good command of English and fluent command of German
- Proximity to the region: Ideally, you are based in or have a place to stay within the Ruhr Area from May to the end of July. Local residency (or a temporary base) is a distinct advantage, as it allows for flexibility and quick turnarounds for short-notice assignments.
- On-site presence: Participation during the opening weekend (18–21th of June 2026) is a prerequisite.

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Budget and Scope

- **Total budget:** 14,500 Euros excl. VAT
- **Hourly quota:** 300 hours covering time on-site and digital post-production.
- **Desired start date:** ASAP
- **Reimbursement of expenses:** Travel costs, transit times and other expenses are not included in the budget. These will be reimbursed separately upon submission of receipts or a monthly logbook in accordance with the North Rhine-Westphalia State Travel Expenses Act (LRKG NRW).

Rights

The selected photographer guarantees full copyright and usage rights for the images created. The exploitation rights will be granted to Manifesta for use across all media, worldwide and without time limitation.

Application

Please submit your portfolio via the [application form](#) by **11th of March 2026**. Selection interviews will be conducted by the Manifesta 16 Ruhr Communications team.

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