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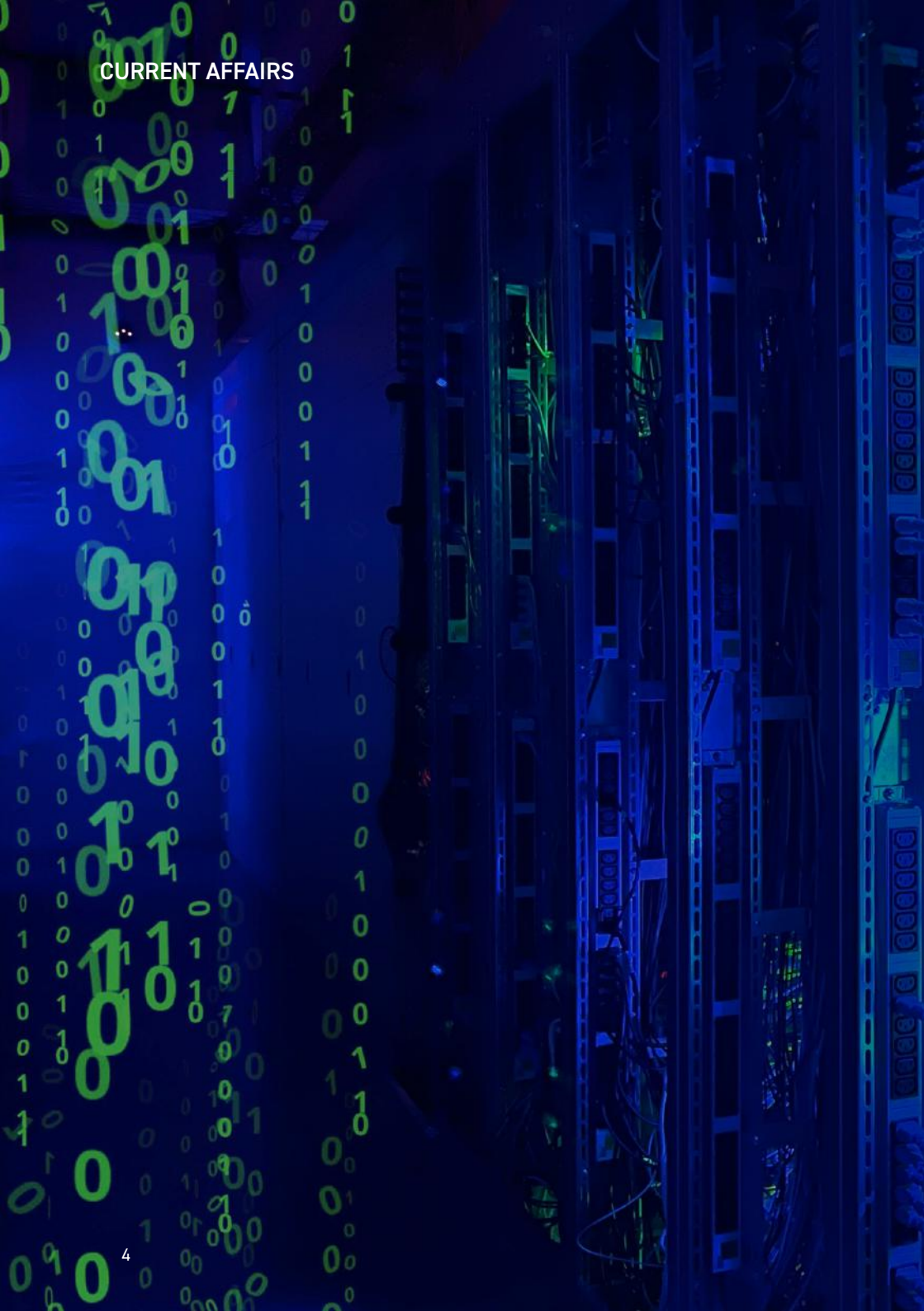
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DIGITAL TIMEBOMB

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

werwiewas medienproduktion, ZDF, arte

How easily can the internet break?

The internet seems invisible, yet it is highly physical: millions of processes occur daily in data centers, and undersea cables carry about 95% of global data traffic. This investigative documentary reveals the hidden world behind the web: How do data centers operate? Who controls this critical infrastructure and who might attack it? Recent sabotage in the Baltic Sea highlights the vulnerability of our digital lifeline. On land, power outages, construction accidents, and cyberattacks threaten system stability. Energy needs are rising sharply as AI technologies increase data centers' electricity consumption. Behind the "cloud" are server farms with high environmental impact. How do politics, research, and industry ensure digital sovereignty, sustainability, and security?



BATTERY BATTLE

NO ELECTRIC CARS WITHOUT CHINA?

30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

Whoever masters the battery controls the key technology of the future. Can Europe still catch up and regain its technological sovereignty?

Europe wanted to become a global battery power with Northvolt – and failed spectacularly. This documentary tells the story of an industry that became the central question of the future overnight: whoever masters the battery controls electric mobility. While China has long been building gigafactories in series, Europe is struggling with political uncertainty, a lack of know-how and ambitious, often hasty large-scale projects. Is there still hope for Europe?









CUSTOMS PATROL

6 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Wieduwilt Film & TV Production, RTL Nitro

Invisible to most. Essential to all.

The Customs Authority is among Europe's most relentless investigative forces. CUSTOMS PATROL offers exclusive access to specialized units as they take on international criminal networks from drug trafficking and illegal labour to money laundering and illicit trade. This is a battle over billions, against highly professional and ruthless organisations – and the fight starts here.

FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT





MORLOCK MOTORS II

10 × 90' (ENG) | 2025/2026
Spin TV Special Interest, Kabel Eins

Bigger deals, bolder missions, and even more extraordinary machines: Morlock Motors pushes the limits of what's possible.

From their steel empire in Germany's Westerwald, Michael Manousakis and his crew embark on some of their most ambitious adventures yet. Whether chasing a mysterious WWII relic hidden in the Aegean Sea, racing against time to recover a legendary DC-3, or tracking down elusive treasures on remote Greek islands, the stakes have never been higher. But nothing ever goes according to plan. Mechanical failures, international logistics, and daring test runs turn every operation into a high-risk gamble. With partners and experts from around the world joining the hunt, the Morlocks must rely on ingenuity, teamwork, and sheer determination to close their deals. Packed with adrenaline, humor, and the thrill of discovery, Season 2 dives deeper into a world where every find could be the deal of a lifetime.



DIAMOND RUSH

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025 | Spiegel TV, arte, Curiosity Stream

When cut, they sparkle like no other jewel. Diamonds – symbols of love and power – yet all they are is pressed carbon.

The documentary shows how a billion dollar monopoly was created through skillful manipulation. It tells the story of the Koh-i-Noor, one of the world's largest and most famous diamonds, now held in the Tower of London as part of the British Crown Jewels. The film also explores the crown diamonds in the Louvre and the spectacular diamond heist in Dresden, while offering a rare glimpse into a secretive industry defined by immense wealth, prestige, and illusion. At its heart lies a marketing slogan that continues to shape perceptions to this day: "A diamond is forever."

Episodes:

1. Loot – The Power of Diamonds
2. Diamonds – Selling Ice





CALMEYER'S DILEMMA

DECIDING LIFE AND DEATH UNDER NAZI RULE

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | TV Plus, NDR, nordmedia

Hans Calmeyer, a German lawyer and Nazi official, saved thousands of Dutch Jews from deportation to concentration camps.

During the German occupation of the Netherlands (1940–1945), Calmeyer was responsible for reviewing claims of Jewish ancestry. In countless cases, he recognized forged certificates of descent, helping people to escape persecution. Through these decisions, thousands were spared deportation and likely death. At the same time, as a bureaucrat of the Nazi administration in The Hague, he rejected numerous other applications and exposed people to persecution. This compelling documentary examines the moral conflict between systemic power and individual humanity during the Nazi era in the occupied Netherlands.



SURVIVING AUSCHWITZ

THE SEVEN LIVES OF DANY DATTEL

52' (ENG) | 2025
Gruppe 5, gemini film & library, wiesefilm,
WDR, SWR, NDR, arte

It is a moving life story like few others.

For the first time, Dany Dattel travels to the fateful places of his life, to Auschwitz and to the children of his rescuers on the death march in Czechia. His odyssey also leads into the world of high-risk banking, opening a striking window onto postwar West German history with unscrupulous bankers and virulent anti-Semitism. For decades, Dany Dattel avoided any contact with the media, which made him a scapegoat. In front of our camera, however, he appears open, relaxed, even humorous, as he confronts his memories with remarkable clarity. His quiet triumph is captured in his own words: "At the Wannsee Conference, the Nazis decided to exterminate all Jews. They did not succeed. I'm still alive!" Four months after filming in Auschwitz, Dany Dattel passed away.





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STOJ!

THE DACHSHUND

SMALL DOG, BIG LEGACY

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Ifage Filmproduktion, ZDF, arte

Small, intelligent, and extremely strong-willed.

For more than a century, their irresistible puppy-dog eyes have been winning over people's hearts around the world, making the dachshund one of the most beloved dog breeds. But these small dogs are capable of far more than charm. Originally bred as hunting dogs and once the favorite of European royalty, dachshunds have proven to be remarkably versatile companions. Today, they take on surprising tasks — like Strolchi, a miniature dachshund trained to detect woodworm infestations in monasteries, churches, and historic libraries. This film offers an intimate and entertaining portrait of the breed. Along the way, the documentary raises an intriguing question: is this iconic "German" dog perhaps far more European than we think?"





ANTONIO SALIERI

THE MYTH OF MOZART'S MURDERER

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Clever Content, Autentic Studios,
ORF, ZDF, arte, RTR, Vienna Film Fund

Was Antonio Salieri truly Mozart's murderer – or the victim of one of music history's most enduring legends? This film approaches the question like a trial.

Actor Tobias Moretti assumes the role of Salieri's defender and opens the historical case files: the composer's letters, his documented collaborations with Mozart, his rise in multilingual Enlightenment Vienna, his triumphs in Paris, and his late-life struggle against oblivion. Graphic-novel sequences give Salieri his own voice, while musicians and scholars re-evaluate his works and influence. Against the backdrop of Europe's political upheavals – from the reforms of Joseph II to the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars – the documentary reveals a man who shaped generations of composers: Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt. Yet Salieri became a scapegoat, condemned by rumor rather than evidence. In the end, the audience acts as the jury: Was he the villain of an invented story – or the innocent target of a myth that outlived him?

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OTTER

THE RIVER GUARDIAN

52' (ENG, GER), 67' (ENG) | 2026 | Sombra Chinesa, RTP

A young otter's journey reveals the hidden wonders of a wild river.

In a fertile river ecosystem in Northern Portugal, a young Eurasian otter named Kiko discovers the secrets of this fascinating world, populated with fish that predate the dinosaurs and birds that can "fly" underwater. We follow Kiko's growth from his first explorations outside his family to his independence as an adult hunter and guardian of his territory. With spectacular images, the documentary, shot over four years, offers a fascinating reflection on the importance of rivers as vital corridors of biodiversity.



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THE MIGHTY COLORADO

52' (ENG, GER), 107' (ENG) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Fin & Fur Films, ServusTV

In the American Southwest, water shapes the rhythm of life.

The Colorado River links mountains, canyons, and deserts into a natural world rich with wildlife and unique habitats. Wildlife filmmaker Ben Masters follows its course from the Never Summer Mountains down into the dry lowlands. High in the peaks, the autumn rut of Rocky Mountain elk defines the season, while beavers create wetlands with their dams, storing water and reshaping entire landscapes. Trout migrate toward their spawning grounds, and with the hatching of giant salmonflies, an ancient natural spectacle rises from the river. Further south, at the base of the Vermillion Cliffs, a young California condor is growing up. At the same time, the film reveals how strongly human intervention is altering the Colorado River, creating a quiet conflict between wilderness and human demand.



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ICE NOMADS

52' (ENG, GER) | Delivery: Q2 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions,
ServusTV, arte, Ushuaia TV, CNC

Born from a gigantic fracture, A23A emerged as an island of ice 300 meters thick and spanning 75 by 60 kilometres.

Thus began the extraordinary odyssey of an Antarctic fragment that became more than an iceberg — the protagonist of an adventure film. Over 40 years and more than 10,000 kilometres, its journey was shaped by groundings, storms, fractures and the pull of ocean currents, but above all by encounters: albatrosses, penguins, seals, whales and microscopic life flourished or perished in its wake. Wedged against an underwater wall, the ice leviathan finally fragmented, sending countless shards into fragile ecosystems. Its final breakup marked the end of one of the oldest icebergs of all time. The growing release of massive icebergs is expected to reshape polar marine environments and play a role in future sea-level rise.



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PENGUIN BAYWATCH



2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 |

Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions, ServusTV, France Télévisions, USHUAIA TV, CNC

Penguins are charismatic and funny characters. They always look as though they are ready to go out to a fancy dinner. They are clumsy on the ground yet extremely graceful in the water. Their neighbours on the beach are often naturally clumsy and grotesque as well: elephant seals look like gigantic bean bags when they leave the ocean to mate, give birth and moult. Despite its humorous approach, the series relies on hard facts and serious science.

Episodes:

1. Tuxedo Summer Bash
2. Pyjama Party



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OSLO

THE WILD HEART OF NORWAY



50' (ENG, GER) | 2023

Terra Mater Studios, Story Surge Films, Earthmedia Film, ServusTV, NRK, SVT

This documentary is set entirely in Oslo, Norway's capital. Yet it is not a film about people. It's about the animals that thrive in the seams of city life. Beavers build their lodges along the banks of the river. Further downstream, salmon leap, defying concrete barriers. A moose appears in a snowy garden, steam curling from its nostrils as it nibbles fallen apples. Foxes streak through alleyways and playgrounds, stealing sausages and teaching their kits to survive. Badgers tunnel under flowerbeds, transforming Oslo's suburbs into subterranean empires. Above it all, a peregrine falcon. The city itself becomes her hunting ground. These creatures don't pass through the city – they live within it.



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DOÑANA

SPAIN'S GARDEN OF EDEN



2 × 52', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Wanda Films, Wanda Visión,
Ukbar Filmes, Terra Mater Studios,
ServusTV, RTP, MOVISTAR

A breathtaking portrait of one of Europe's last true wildernesses. Located in Southern Spain, the Coto de Doñana National Park is not only the continent's largest ecological reserve – it is also a critical resting point for over 300 migratory bird species and a sanctuary for endangered animals such as the Iberian lynx and the white-headed duck. The film captures the magic of transformation: from drought to abundance, from ancient traditions to thriving biodiversity. Told through immersive, visually rich chapters, it unveils the most compelling stories from this extraordinary ecosystem.

Episodes:

1. Wild and Wondrous Wetlands
2. Sand, Sea and Survival



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SAME SAME – BUT DIFFERENT



52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Getty Images,
ServusTV

Evolution has spawned countless creatures. Animals live on land, in the oceans, and in the air – and most species look very different in size, limbs, body shape and appearance. Some of them are closely related – closer than you'd expect. Yet other species look surprisingly alike, with similar or even the same body features, even though they're not even related. Did you know that the rock hyrax, the size of a cat – is related to the elephant? Oddly, ostriches and crocodiles are also related, as they share the same ancestors. At the same time, you'd expect a certain relationship between whales and whale sharks. But nope, sorry. And let's not even get started on snakes and eels!

ACROSS MONGOLIA

FROM DESERT TO TUNDRA

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Tellux-Film Dresden, NDR, arte

In Mongolia more than a million people still live as nomads, travelling across the vast country with their animals.

Orkhoo Lkhagva is seven months pregnant, yet she still helps to herd the family's 60 camels. Together with her husband, she leads a nomadic life much like their ancestors did for generations. In the far north of the country lies Lake Chöwsgöl, which is protected as a national park. Environmental inspectors Baterdene Zayabayar and her colleague Tumursukh Munkthenger patrol the remote lake. They must head out onto the water after repeated reports of illegal fishing in the protected area. 15-year-old Chinguun Batbold lives in an apartment block in Ulaanbaatar. In addition to his enthusiasm for basketball, the 15-year-old's biggest idols are musicians from his own country. That's why Chinguun takes private lessons on the traditional horsehead fiddle. Meanwhile, on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar, there is a craft workshop that produces luxury yurts for up to 60,000 euros.





MAGICAL COLOMBIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2025 | Ifage Filmproduktion, ZDF, arte

Join us on a journey into Colombia's hidden worlds, where nature sets the rhythm of life.

Captivating images reveal landscapes and communities far from Colombia's well-known tourist routes. In the mysterious region of Cauca in the southwest lies the home of people whose everyday lives are shaped by the forces of nature. Off the coast of a former prison island, the ocean provides ideal conditions for marine life, and countless whales return here every year to give birth to their calves. From the realm of the condor high in the mountain ranges of the Andes to the rugged Pacific coast with its river deltas and mangrove forests, the films tell the stories of people who live with a very different understanding of time, space, and nature.

Episodes:

1. The Southwest
2. The Cauca Valley







SOUTHERN FRANCE

*A JOURNEY FROM
COAST TO VOLCANOES*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Prospect TV Production, NDR, arte



A journey from Béziers, in the south of France, to Auvergne, the land of volcanoes. Along the way, we meet a lock keeper on the historic Canal du Midi, operating mechanisms dating back to the time of King Louis XIV, which still work so well that they couldn't be built any better today. In one of Europe's largest Buddhist monasteries, a spectacular peace monument is being built. A visit to a wolf park brings us face-to-face with these elusive predators. In Auvergne, churches are warmed by underground volcanic heat, while the dramatic Puy de Dôme volcano draws paragliders from across the country – including a young woman determined to conquer her fear of heights.

THE HIDDEN BEAUTY OF NORTHERN FRANCE II

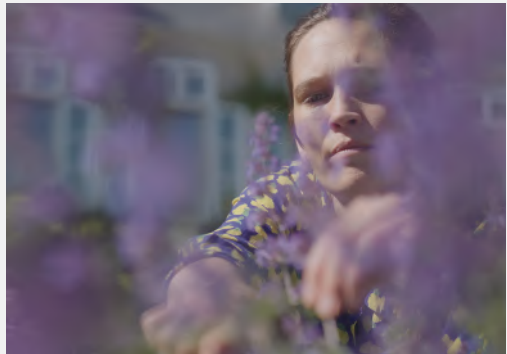
2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)
2025
eco documentaries, ZDF, arte



Rain, D-Day, cows and Camembert – these are the images often associated with Normandy. Yet the region offers far more than clichés. From the cliffs of the Alabaster Coast to the green Seine Valley, this journey leads through the rolling landscapes, forests and to the iconic Mont-Saint-Michel rising from the tidal flats. Along the way we meet passionate people – from botanists protecting rare plants and craftsmen restoring historic rooftops to fishermen on the Channel and distillers continuing centuries-old traditions.

Episodes:

1. From Mont-Saint-Michel to Cotentin
2. From the Alabaster Coast to Orne



PEOPLE . PLACES





THE NETHERLANDS

SMALL COUNTRY, BIG IDEAS

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Tellux-Film Dresden,
NDR, arte

Endless beaches, towering dunes, and towns full of romantic canals — the Netherlands offers landscapes that seem straight out of a postcard. But there's much more to the Dutch than picturesque scenery.

The Netherlands is a hub of bold ideas and creative thinking about the future — ideas that are truly “lekker,” as the Dutch would say. The documentary meets people passionately committed to protecting newly created nature reserves, cycle path planners working to make traffic safer, and architects with an ambitious vision: building the world's tallest wooden skyscraper. Students are developing a car that cleans the environment as it drives. And one farmer has even dared to grow the Netherlands' beloved tulips using organic methods.



AT OUR NEIGHBOUR'S TABLE

215 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2010 - 2025
berlin producers, ZDF, arte

This longrunning series offers the culinary treasures of the people who know it best: farmers, winegrowers, chefs, housewives, fishermen and many more. We visit people in different regions and accompany them through their everyday life. The art of cooking is sensual and that's why we show you regional food at its best and slow food lived as it should be. In addition to the preparation of their typical regional dishes, we take a look at the production or purchase of the ingredients. Find out what cooking means in the different cultures and regions of Europe and the rest of the world.

Episodes new Season:

1. Ischia - Italy | 2. Montafon - Austria | 3. Maremma - Italy
4. Vienna - Austria | 5. North Macedonia | 6. Banat - Romania
7. Black Sea Coast - Turkey | 8. Crete - Greece
9. Madeira - Portugal | 10. Åland Islands - Finland
11. Canton of Aargau - Switzerland | 12. Northern Finistère - France
13. Asturias - Spain | 14. Northern Basque Country - France
15. The Hague - Netherlands | 16. Central Saxony - Germany
17. The Cévennes - France | 18. Lower Bavaria - Germany



EXPLORING EUROPE BY NIGHT TRAIN

4 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 45' (GER) | 2025
Molle & Korn, JYOTI Film, arte, Medienboard
Berlin-Brandenburg, Fernsehfond Austria,
Nordnorsk Filmsenter

Night trains show Europe from a new perspective – uncovering the landscapes, wildlife, and people along the way.

In this four-part documentary series, we travel the continent's most spectacular night train routes, uncovering the landscapes, wildlife, and ecosystems along the way. Encounters with fellow travelers highlight their deep connection to nature. Travel with us from Germany to Scandinavia and through Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, as well as across the Balkans to the edge of Istanbul. Each journey moves through the night into the first light of morning.

Episodes:

1. From Berlin to Stockholm
2. From Villach to Edirne
3. From Budapest to Zurich
4. From Oslo to Trondheim



MATTERHORN

THE DEADLY PEAK

52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER) | 2025
NZZ, SRF

The Matterhorn is one of the most famous peaks in the world and also one of the deadliest. Since it was first climbed in 1865, more than 600 mountaineers have lost their lives here. The film explores the question of why so many underestimate the risk. It accompanies Anjan Truffer, mountain guide and rescue chief at Air Zermatt. It shows how hut warden Edith Lehner lives with the accidents on the mountain. And it follows mountaineer Meli Rüfenacht on her first ascent of the Matterhorn after she witnessed a fatal fall. How do the bereaved cope with sudden loss? What strategies do rescue workers, who are confronted with death and trauma on a daily basis, develop? And what role do social media play when more and more people attempt the ascent unprepared?



UNCOVERING TAIWAN

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2025
Berlin Producers, rbb, arte, TaiwanPlus

Taiwan's islands tell stories of tradition, wilderness, and wonder. While Taiwan is often seen as a hub of democracy and technology under the shadow of China, few know it is an archipelago of nearly 170 islands. From the rugged mountains of Formosa to the hidden treasures of the surrounding isles, we explore the awe-inspiring beauty and rich cultural heritage that make these islands truly unique. Witness the raw power of nature, the resilience of local communities, and the tireless efforts to protect the islands' biodiversity in this immersive journey through Taiwan's natural marvels.

Episodes:

1. From the Sea to the Summit
2. Treasures of the Pacific



OMAN

JEWEL OF ARABIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2025
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

A land of deserts, mountains, and endless coastline – Oman is where ancient traditions meet a vibrant modern spirit. This two-part documentary takes us from the heights of Jebel Akhdar and its rose gardens to the Sharqiya Desert and the green hills of Dhofar. At the centre of the film are people such as climbing coach Alanood Alsalami and fashion designer Amal Al Raisi, who bring Oman's diversity and the balancing act between tradition and modernity to life.

Episodes:

1. Incense and Desert Winds
2. Roses and Sea Breeze



BEAR WITH ME

90' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | AGITPROP, Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte, Bulgarian National Film Center, Creative Europe MEDIA

Maxy Niedermeyer, a 80-year-old former circus trainer, built a remarkable artistic career. For six decades, she toured all over the world, gaining fame for her animal training. But when public opinion shifted and animals were banned from circuses, her life changed forever. Under pressure from civil organisations, all animals in Italy, where she guest-starred for the last time, were confiscated. Maxy managed to keep only two of them, due to their old age and inability to adapt back to nature. Now, with only Natasha, her 43-year-old brown bear, by her side, Maxy spends her final years in isolation. The film follows their extraordinary bond, capturing the twilight of a once-renowned circus star whose fate is tied to the life of her last companion.



MOSQUITO ALERT

EUROPE'S NEW TROPICAL THREAT

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | eco documentaries, ZDF, arte

Tropical diseases such as dengue fever, malaria, chikungunya and West Nile virus were long considered a distant threat – but now they have reached Europe.

In 2025 France reported a record number of locally transmitted chikungunya cases, while the West Nile virus is circulating in Germany. Climate change and global mobility are enabling invasive mosquito species such as the Asian tiger mosquito to spread. How serious is the threat on our doorstep?







PORTS OF THE WORLD

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Full delivery by Q3 2026 | Maximus Film

Built on technology, these ports power global trade.

This documentary series takes audiences to the beating heart of global trade and international tourism. Across major ports around the world, the series reveals how these massive gateways keep the world moving. From cutting-edge logistics and technological innovation to economic power struggles and environmental responsibility, each port tells a story of the forces that drive modern commerce and keep the world in motion. Let's take a look behind the scenes at six of the biggest international ports through personal stories from dock workers, travellers and decision-makers that are combined with a global perspective on trade, technology and the environment.

Episodes:

1. Kaohsiung – Taiwan | 2. Nassau – Bahamas | 3. Genua – Italy | 4. Melbourne – Australia | 5. & 6. tbc



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HEAVY LIFT III

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Full delivery by Q2 2026
Millstream Films and Media

When massive loads must be moved, engineering is pushed to its absolute limits.

Spectacular new episodes reveal how some of the biggest man-made objects on Earth are transported across land and sea. From towering infrastructure to fragile historic landmarks, these enormous loads push technology, logistics, and human ingenuity to their limits. This thrilling engineering series goes behind the scenes of monumental heavy-lift operations, including the construction of the Brenner Base Tunnel, the salvage of the collapsed Baltimore Bridge, the installation of the largest wind farm in the United States, the extraordinary ships that carry other ships, the world's biggest cranes, and the delicate relocation of the Kiruna stave church in Sweden.

Episodes:

1. The Longest Tunnel | 2. Baltimore Bridge Collapse | 3. Kiruna Stave Church Move
4. The Biggest Wind Farm | 5. Sinking Ships | 6. Giant Cranes

ELECTRIC SKIES

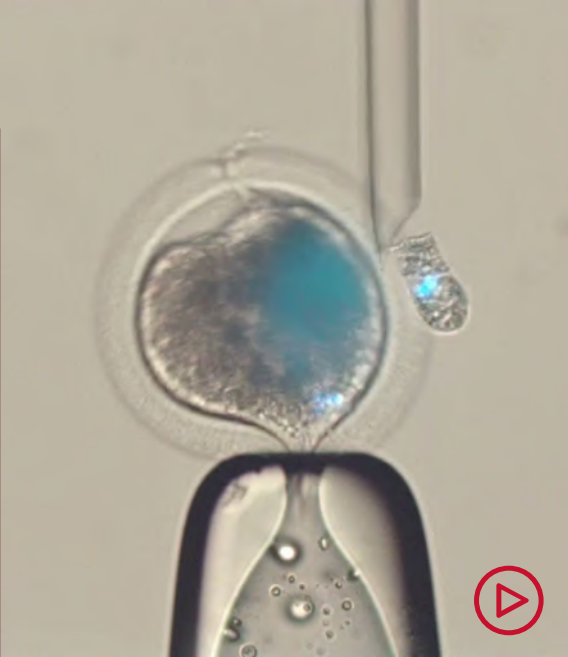
THE MYSTERY OF LIGHTNING

45' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | Autentic Studios, NHK, ZDF

3.5 million lightning bolts strike the Earth every day.

They can reach lengths of up to 700 kilometers and temperatures of up to 35,000 degrees Celsius. We humans only see a small part of this. The International Space Station (ISS) provides spectacular images of light phenomena that sparkle in bright red or blue. American storm chasers have now succeeded for the first time in documenting these "transient luminous events," or LTE for short, from Earth. They appear for only a fraction of a second and can shine all the way into the stratosphere. As destructive as lightning is, it can also promote life. Not only does its energy promote plant growth, lightning may even have played an important role in the origin of life itself. Fulgurites provide important clues to this. They form when lightning strikes the ground and melts matter into a bizarre structure. Lightning may even have made the formation of the planets possible in the first place.





THE CRISPR REVOLUTION

GENETIC ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND SPORTS

30' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | NZZ, SRF

What do polo horses from Buenos Aires, pigs on a farm near Munich, and a groundbreaking cancer therapy have in common? In all three cases, their DNA has been altered using CRISPR-Cas9, the gene-editing technology often referred to as "genetic scissors." This documentary explores the promises and dilemmas of gene editing. We travel to Argentina to meet the first gene-edited polo horses in history. In Heidelberg, we meet a researcher who is developing a new cancer treatment using gene-edited immune cells. And on a farm near Munich, scientists are working with gene-edited pigs whose organs may one day help solve the global shortage of donor hearts.



WEIGHT-LOSS INJECTIONS

MEDICINE OR MORAL MINEFIELD?

30' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | NZZ, SRF

Weight-loss injections like Wegovy and Mounjaro are transforming obesity treatment while also igniting moral outrage. Endocrinologist Katja Leitner from Aarau Cantonal Hospital can only shake her head at this. Obesity is a chronic disease that affects one in eight people worldwide and can lead to numerous secondary diseases. Sociologist Katja Rost from the University of Zurich, on the other hand, sees a social pattern in the uproar surrounding GLP-1 drugs, where the exclusivity of being thin is now being challenged. For Corina Preisig, this dynamic is part of everyday life: 'As an overweight person, you can't please people. If you're fat, they don't like it, and if you lose weight, you're criticised too.'

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