

CORTALP

Mountain Short Movie

5th INTERNATIONAL EDITION



MOUNTAIN PLACE TO BE

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CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

"Beyond Borders, down in the valley,
together on the Peaks."

CORTALP (www.cortalp.it) is more than a contest; it's a cross-border laboratory. We encourage students from European Alpine universities to form creative alliances, bridging languages and cultures. Just as mountain communities have survived for centuries through solidarity and mutual support, we invite you to build 'creative rope teams' to showcase the unique soul of your territory. Let's redefine the Alps as a shared European home—a true Mountain Place to Be."

"Mountain Place to Be: Your Vision, Our Shared Horizon."

The Alps are not a barrier, but a vibrant crossroads of cultures, languages, and perspectives. CORTALP 5ed. invites students and video makers Under35, from across the Alpine arc to bring their unique 'site-specific' voices to the screen. Whether you are capturing the architectural soul of a valley, the innovative pulse of mountain sports, or the graphic future of our environment, your lens is the bridge between tradition and tomorrow. Join an international community of creators and redefine what it means to belong to the heights."

Awards and Recognitions: From the Stage to the Glacier

Participating in CORTALP www.cortalp.it means aspiring to a unique path of growth and visibility:

- **The Big Stage:** The winner short films will be the protagonists of the Evening Event in Auditorium, before an audience of over 300 people. A unique opportunity for networking and professional visibility.
- **Support for Creativity:** A *symbolic* cash prize will be awarded to cover production and participation costs, providing tangible support for the talent of young videomakers.
- **The "Summit" Experience:** The most iconic prize is the Baptism of a 4000-meter peak. Winners will have the opportunity to experience a guided ascent of one of the great peaks of the Italian Alps. An immersive experience to get up close and personal with the beating (and fragile) heart of our mountains and observe the state of the glaciers, transforming cinema into firsthand testimony.

CORTALP 2026 5ED. «MOUNTAIN PLACE TO BE»

On December 11, 2026, Milan will host International Mountain Day alongside the fifth edition of CORTALP - titled «Mountain: Place to Be» a mountain-themed short film competition and festival featuring young filmmakers from the Politecnico di Milano as well as invited prestigious Italian and international universities.

CORTALP (www.cortalp.it) an acronym for *Cortometraggi Alpini*, or Alpine Short Films) is a short film competition and festival dedicated to mountains and all related themes. It originated as an educational activity within the "Alpine Design" course led by Aldo Faleri-its creator and curator—and is linked to the "Manlio Armellini" Award, named in honor of the iconic figure of the Milano Design Week and a passionate mountain enthusiast.

Now in its fifth edition, the event will conclude with an awards ceremony open to the public with free admission; held for the third consecutive time in Milan, the ceremony will take place in the prestigious Auditorium Testori at the Palazzo Regione Lombardia. The event-featuring the awards ceremony and screenings of the winning and commended videos-will bring directors and creators to the stage. It follows a gathering attended by over 300 cinema and mountain enthusiasts, more than 50 filmmakers, and representatives from key sector institutions: the Italian Alpine Club (CAI), CONI, the Mountain Partnership, and the Polytechnic University of Milan, alongside the ALPI+MILANO APS association—the non-profit organization responsible for the event's organization and communications.

To this end, **the School of Design** has invited prestigious universities from **Austria, Croatia, France, Slovenia, and Switzerland** to participate; each university may submit a video to be considered for the "Manlio Armellini" International Award. The competition culminates in the screening of the best videos and the awards ceremony, held annually on **December 11th—International Mountain Day**. For the third consecutive year, the event is hosted by the Lombardy Region, which is collaborating on the organization of a grand celebration of youth and video, aimed at raising awareness about mountains, their people, and their fragile biodiversity.

Registration

There are three non-binding competition categories: **Sport and Innovation, Environment and Landscape, and Culture and Communication**. The jury will be composed of leading figures from the mountain sector, representing the various fields covered by the “Manlio Armellini” Award.

Organized by the ALPI+MILANO APS association, the initiative aims to reward the originality and narrative quality of the short films admitted to the competition—capped at one hundred entries per edition, with a maximum of three videos per invited university. The deadline for registration and final submission is November 15, followed by the jury's selection process and the announcement of the winners and selected entries at the awards ceremony.

The Awards

In addition to the established “Manlio Armellini” Award for the best video by Politecnico students, starting this year, the prize expands to include the “Manlio Armellini” International Award for the best overall international video from invited European universities. Furthermore, we have introduced the Under-35 Award for video makers; this category is open to individuals not enrolled in national or international universities, subject to the terms and conditions outlined at www.cortalp.it.

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IT'S AN ATHLETIC GESTURE, IT'S SOLIDARITY,
IT'S CLIMBING A PEAK,
IT'S UNDERSTANDING THE GLACIERS,
IT'S THE 4000 UP "MANLIO ARMELLINI"
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