

Announcement of Bavarian project selected for Doc Lab Montréal



Still from *Statefree* project

Montreal, Thursday, October 19, 2023 - Forum RIDM, presented by Netflix, is pleased to announce the selection of the project from the Bavarian delegation that will take part in **Doc Lab Montréal**, a documentary talent incubator, from **November 17 to 22, 2023**. Forum RIDM is honoured to welcome director **Annelie Boros** and producer **Lea Neu (kalekone film)**, who will present their feature-length project ***Statefree***.

This collaboration, carried out in partnership with [DOK.fest München](#)'s professional market [DOK.forum](#), aims to foster the professional and creative development of this Bavarian duo, and to stimulate cross-cultural exchanges with accredited market professionals. In addition to their participation in Doc Lab Montréal, these two professionals will also take part in various activities held during the 19th edition of Forum RIDM.

Project synopsis:

While a passport provides the right to circulate freely around the world, many individuals are denied this privilege, growing up without a sense of belonging and deprived of their fundamental rights. ***Statefree*** follows the lives of three stateless individuals, Christiana, Sirazul, and Neha, in their struggle to attain this right to freedom. Through an exploration of the origins of nation-states, this documentary shares their findings on why some people are excluded from this basic right and how, through legal means, alternative systems to citizenship are possible.

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Forum RIDM, presented by Netflix, aims to stimulate the production and distribution of independent documentaries, both nationally and internationally, by promoting the exchange of information and meetings between the various professionals in the documentary industry. Roundtables, conferences and workshops on major current issues will bring together over 400 filmmakers and representatives of various production, broadcasting and distribution companies over six days.

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Forum RIDM's 19th edition, presented by Netflix, will take place from November 17 to 22, 2023.

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