



la Biennale di Venezia /
72nd Venice International Film Festival /
For a Thousand Lives: Be Human Appeal

La Biennale di Venezia, the body which presides over the **72nd Venice Film Festival**, joins the appeal launched by the website *For a Thousand Lives: Be Human*, to which already over 3,500 filmmakers and film professionals have adhered, including the 2015 Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement winner Bertrand Tavernier, “Venezia 72” Jury members Alfonso Cuarón and Paweł Pawlikowski, Emmanuelle Béart, Susanne Bier, Dany Boon, Daniel Craig, Jean Pierre & Luc Dardenne, Bruno Ganz, Michael Haneke, Agnieszka Holland, Isabelle Huppert, Aki Kaurismäki, Claude Lanzmann, Sophie Marceau, Mike Leigh, Cristian Mungiu, Isabella Rossellini, Marjane Satrapi, Til Schweiger, Ulrich Seidl, Thomas Vinterberg and many more.

The appeal is addressed to national governments and the European Commission to handle the humanitarian crisis in accordance with the basic values of the European Union, which stipulate “respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities (...) in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.” (Article 2, Treaty on European Union 2008)

The Filmmakers appeal for immediate action to be taken and above all, to place these basic values at the core of asylum politics:

- The European Union must offer legal ways for people fleeing war, terror, or political persecution to seek protection in the E.U. by setting up infrastructures in their countries of origin, and in third party countries, where they can apply for asylum. This will stop forcing them to take illegal routes, and risk their lives.
- European nations must act in solidarity as we are facing the biggest refugee crisis since WWII. The Dublin convention has obviously led to absurd and unjust burdens for the border countries of the E.U. Consequently, immediately repealing the

Dublin convention and enforcing a better division of refugees among the E.U. states is a must.

- The European Countries must create living conditions for refugees that embrace human rights, personal freedom, dignity and physical safety without restriction, and devote the necessary means to ensure that refugees can work legally, get access to education and build a new life.

Sign here: www.for-a-1000-lives.eu

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