



Cinema International

Country : Poland

## Zielona granica

Green Border

2023 / Colour / 147 minutes / Polish



**Director:** Agnieszka Holland  
**Producer:** Marcin Wierchoslawski  
**Cinematographer:** Tomasz Naumiuk  
**Editor:** Pavel Hrdlicka  
**Music:** Frederic Vercheval  
**Cast:** Jalal Altawil, Maja Ostaszewska, Tomasz Wlosok

**Synopsis :** In the treacherous and swampy forests that make up the so called "green border" between Belarus and Poland, refugees from the Middle East and Africa, while trying to reach the European Union are caught in a geopolitical crisis triggered by Belarusian dictator Alexander Lukashenko. In an attempt to provoke Europe, refugees are lured to the border by propaganda promising easy passage to the EU. Pawns in this hidden war, the lives of Julia (a newly minted activist who has given up her comfortable life), Jan (a young border guard) and a Syrian refugee family intertwine.



**Director's Biography :** Agnieszka Holland, born on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1948, is a Polish film and television director and screenwriter, known for her political contributions to Polish cinema. Holland is best known for her films *Europa Europa* (1990), for which she received Golden Globe Award as well as an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay nomination. *The Secret Garden* (1993), *Angry Harvest* and the *Holocaust drama In Darkness* are some of her films among which the last two were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2017, she received Alfred Bauer Prize (Silver Bear) for her film *Spoor* at the Berlin International Film Festival. In 2020, she was elected President of the European Film Academy. In 2023, her film *Green Border* won the Special Jury Prize at the Venice International Film Festival.