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## Atomic TV lands debut commission with Nat Geo series

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Zinc label to produce six-part military history series about defensive borders for Disney brand

Atomic Television has secured its maiden commission, a multi-part military history series for Disney-owned National Geographic.

The nascent Zinc label is behind **Defending Europe**, a 6 x 60-minutes series showcasing how stories and sites played a pivotal role in shaping the borders and countries of Europe as we know them today.

Each episode will focus on a different country and delve into the critical moments when each nation's survival was threatened, investigating how defensive sites kept that country safe, forged and defined its national borders and built the character and identity of its people.

Experts will explore the engineering and impressive scale of the defensive fortifications, weapons and strategies that were developed to defend borders and they will track how these tactics evolved to counter new threats and technologies.

The series will cover more than two millennia of history and feature locations that tie into some of the biggest names and moments in European history, from the Roman Empire to Hitler's conquest of Europe.

Medieval kings and queens and Napoleon Bonaparte are also among the figures chronicled in the show.



Atomic chief Stephen McQuillan

Bristol-based Atomic, [launched in January](#) under the leadership of ex-Icon Films and Humble Bee creative Stephen McQuillan. It specialises in premium specialist factual content within the genres of history, science, adventure and documentary.

Defending Europe was ordered for Nat Geo by commissioning editor Simon Raikes with McQuillan executive producing.

