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FOREWORD

Music projects funded under Creative Europe 2014-2020

Music constitutes an important pillar of European culture and among the cultural and creative sectors it is probably the one that reaches the largest audience. Music has the power to promote cultural diversity, inclusion and creativity and thus fully responds to the objectives and priorities of the Creative Europe Programme. The European Commission supports music under an integrated approach called *Music Moves Europe*, and it does so in terms of funding, policy support, regulatory measures and dialogue.

This brochure presents inspiring examples of music projects supported by the Creative Europe Culture Programme 2014-2020 through its different funding mechanisms (be it European Cooperation projects, European Networks of professionals, Platforms for the promotion of emerging artists or an annual EU Prize for popular and contemporary music, the *Music Moves Europa Talent Awards*).

During the programming period 2014-2020, more than 130 music projects received EU funding for a budget of over EUR 98 million. In addition, further EUR 7 million were dedicated to a Preparatory Action (PA), “Music Moves Europe: Boosting European music diversity and talent”. This supported more than 60 small-scale music projects (training, music education, small venues, co-creation, sustainable recovery) and several studies, inter alia on an EU export strategy in this field. The PA aimed to pave the way for “sectoral support for music” in the new Creative Europe Programme (2021-2027).

The projects address a wide variety of music genres (opera, jazz, classical music, pop&rock, electronic, traditional music, contemporary music, music for youth, etc.) and a number of common cross-cutting themes (for example gender balance, environmental sustainability or cultural heritage). The target groups are also very diverse and range from musicians, composers, music professionals, to youth or kids, people with disabilities, and large audiences.

All these projects address key challenges that the music ecosystem is facing in the era of digitisation, which has changed the way music is created, produced,

distributed, consumed and monetised. Most of the projects promote new co-productions and the distribution of musical repertoire, including new musical works in Europe and beyond.

Mobility is another key element: it is intended as circulation of works but also as creating new professional opportunities for young and emerging artists, allowing them to internationalise their careers in a European-wide context. In fact, many music projects put the artists at the centre of their work, making them more visible and enlarging their professional horizons.

Many projects face those challenges proposing capacity building activities enhancing digital competences and entrepreneurial skills of musicians or professionals, or explore new business models for the sector.

Audiences are also at the heart of Creative Europe: the programme supports classical and contemporary music as well as opera across different projects and schemes inspiring new initiatives that bring the diversity of European music to new audiences. Audience development means not only more people, but also a more diversified and more engaged audience, reaching out to people who never or rarely participate in cultural activities. These projects often promote the participation of citizens, especially young people, through their active and direct involvement in activities, thus fostering the citizens' commitment to cultural and public life. There are, for example, concrete strategies for tackling the empowerment of women and of underrepresented groups, challenging the capacity of the music sector to be more inclusive in terms of gender balance.

These projects have received funding during the period 2014-2020 and their tangible results are now available in this brochure: all of them ultimately help shape and develop EU action in the framework of Music Moves Europe. Further examples under Creative Europe can be found in the Creative Europe project result database *Creative Europe Project Results* (europa.eu).

Creative Europe

Creative Europe is the European Commission's programme for supporting the culture and audio-visual sectors.

The programme was launched in 2014 with a budget of EUR 1.46 billion and will continue until 2020. It is open to EU Member States, as well as some non-EU countries.

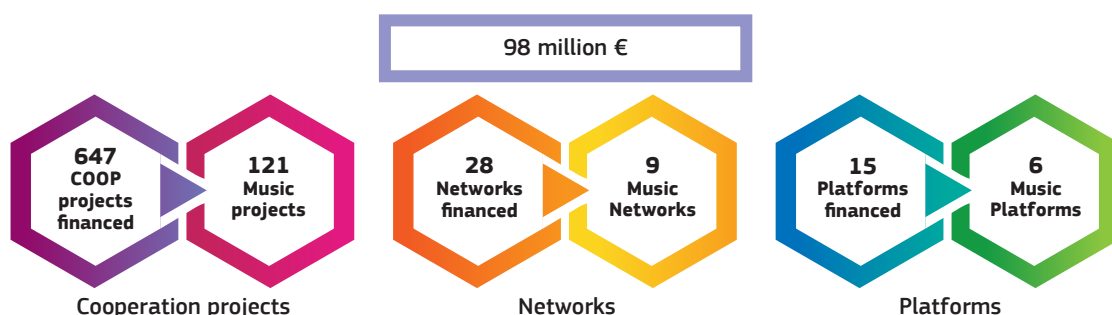
Creative Europe 2014-2020 is divided into two sub-programmes – Culture and MEDIA (and is supported by a cross-sectoral strand) – which help actors in the cultural and creative sectors to seize opportunities in the digital age and enable them to reach their economic potential.

To this end, the Culture sub-programme supports a comprehensive set of measures that include:

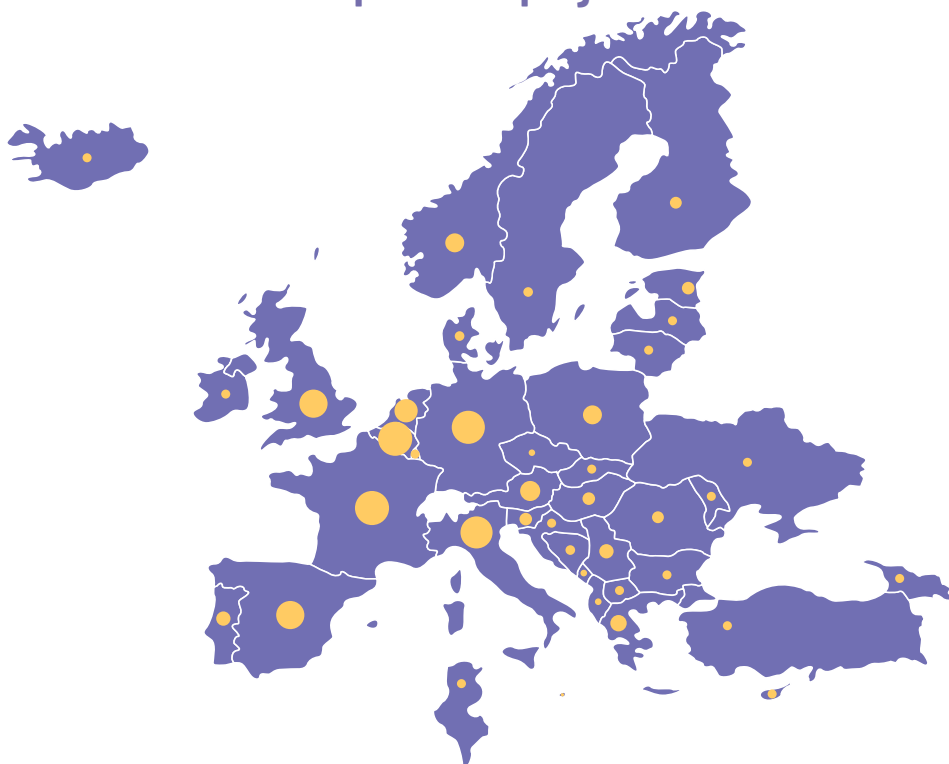
- Cross-border international **cooperation projects** between cultural and creative organisations within the EU and beyond.
- Pan-European **Networks** offering a stable and long-term base for professionals to develop their international skills and strengthen their competitiveness.
- Translation and promotion of European **literary works**.
- **Innovative Platforms** for promoting emerging artists and fostering a truly European programme of cultural and artistic works.
- **Creative Europe** also supports the **European Capitals of Culture and Prizes** such as the European Heritage Label, and the European prizes for literature, architecture, popular and contemporary music.

The European Platforms foster the development of emerging artists and stimulate the transnational mobility of cultural and creative players and works. Members of each Platform help to increase the recognition and visibility of the cultural creators with a strong commitment in terms of European programming, with the design of branding strategies and the creation of European quality labels.

Some numbers: Music projects financed



Distribution of cultural organisations taking part in MUSIC cooperation projects



Albania	3	Georgia	5	Norway	25
Austria	27	Croatia	12	Poland	24
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	Hungary	15	Portugal	18
Belgium	53	Ireland	7	Romania	14
Bulgaria	6	Iceland	6	Serbia	18
Cyprus	5	Italy	45	Sweden	10
Czechia	9	Lithuania	8	Slovenia	15
Germany	51	Luxembourg	8	Slovakia	9
Danemark	10	Latvia	7	Tunisia	3
Estonia	16	Moldova (the republic of)	2	Turkey	3
Greece	21	Montenegro	4	Ukraine	3
Spain	38	North Macedonia (the republic of)	3	United Kingdom	38
Finland	14	Malta	1		
France	53	Netherlands	31		
				TOTAL	644



EEE

Emerging European Ensembles

Nexus baroque © Bertrand PICHENE CCR AMBRONAY

WHO WE ARE

The eeemerging project was co-organised by 8 European partners.

Together, the partners conceived and successfully implemented a mechanism for identifying, selecting, training and promoting the best European emerging early music ensembles.

This core partnership was deliberately homogeneous and agile, perfectly attuned to the challenges facing the ensembles and the early music sector more generally.

eeemerging was a European large scale cooperation project and Ambronay Cultural Centre was the leader.

Testimonial

"A toast for Eeemerging..."
For the time we spend together
For the chance to create new programs
For the cultural exchange
For the networking
For the European idea and so against nationalism
For the amazing possibility to record our debut album
For the great recording engineer
For the fantastic hall
For the wonderful cook
For the experience we gather in the field of self management
For the interesting travel destinations
For the exposure across Europe
For the chance to develop our brand
For the quality tag of the program
We are Eeeeeeeeeemerging....!"

PRISMA 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Early Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 8

Name of partners (including project leader):

8 European partners: the Centre Culturel de Rencontre d'Ambronay, the National Music University in Bucharest, the Internationale Händel-Festspiele Göttingen, Ars Ramovs Ljubljana, the Collegio Ghislieri in Pavia, the Riga Early Music Centre, Ozango Productions in Strasbourg

OUR PROJECT

From 2014 to 2018, the eeemerging programme empowered 32 ensembles and accompanied 371 artists representing 25 nationalities. Four objectives were defined: to identify, select, promote and train the most promising emerging ensembles.

The project has pursued the following objectives:

To encourage professional introduction and the promotion of the best emerging ensembles in the EU: to provide the eeemerging ensembles with time and space to rehearse; to improve collective collaboration and create concert programmes; to develop organisation, administration, diffusion, marketing and communication skills and the use of new technologies.

To create jobs and develop the careers of individuals and groups: to prepare the eeemerging ensembles for entering the European market through the creation of a network of places for training, residencies and diffusion.

To promote early music, artistic creativity and multidisciplinary experimentation.

To develop audiences for the co-organisers, their partners and for early music in general, both quantitatively and qualitatively, locally and internationally.

To bring a wider audience to European cultural heritage which might be familiar, little known or totally unknown.

To promote a young, dynamic and community-minded image of Europe.

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Emerging European Ensembles

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Akademija

ARDEA

International Classical Music Masterclasses ARDEA



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WHO WE ARE

Partner no.1 - Applicant Organisation - Centre for Education and Culture Akademija Čapljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, functions as an association of citizens, is supported by the community, city and state institutions and it is the only non-political organisation providing such activities in the region. The fundamental goals of Akademija are: to be active in the field of education and culture through a variety of programmes and activities in order to raise educational and cultural standards in the region.

Partner no.2 - Non-governmental organisation Sve ostalo je glazba (The Rest is Music) was founded in Dubrovnik, Croatia in 2012. Its goals are: to popularise performing arts with a particular focus on classical music, its importance in education and the social environment, and its value in modern stage expression.

Partner no.3 - The Gallus Foundation is a non-governmental foundation in Ljubljana, Slovenia, founded in 1996 by reputable Slovene companies. It is a member of the Slovene Foundations Association - ZSU. Its main mission is to offer professional, versatile, far-reaching support to selected young talents who have the potential for international acclaim, and to support high-quality artistic projects.

Testimonial

"This project is of great interest and value for young students of music and for cultural life and society across Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a young musician (pianist), I have had a chance to work with eminent professors and also meet students from abroad and cooperate with them. I have also had a chance to meet students from Bosnia and Herzegovina and work together with them. After all, I can say that this Masterclass ARDEA is a wonderful project and a big opportunity for all of us and want to thank an organiser and all those who support it."

Božidar VLAŠIĆ - participant, born 1998

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: ClassicalMusic

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Partner no.1- Applicant Organisation -Centre for Education and Culture Akademija Čapljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Partner no.2- Non-governmental organisation Sve ostalo je glazba (The Rest is Music), Dubrovnik, Croatia,

Partner no.3- The Gallus Foundation is a non-governmental foundation in Ljubljana, Slovenia

OUR PROJECT

Ardea's goal is to provide young, talented classical musicians with an excellent and diverse form of musical education and performances. This is to be done by introducing them to master classes with internationally-renowned musicians from different musical backgrounds (piano, guitar, cello and violin), to workshops, and to rehearsals and performances as soloists and chamber musicians. Ardea aims for greater cooperation between three European countries and for an increase in the professional and private capacities of European musicians through training and education.

Ardea's main objectives are:

- Young Musicians – to contribute to developing young musicians' careers and employment prospects; to expand the number and range of musicians trained through its activities, to provide skills, competence and expertise that strengthen the sector; to help expand young European musicians' audiences into an additional European country, and to establish and develop cooperation between Music Universities in Bosnia.
- Society – to connect and establish cooperation between people of different religions, cultures, nations and worldviews through music, to represent the EU as cultural ambassadors, to improve and spread access to cultural activities at a national and European level.

Ardea gives young talented musicians from BiH the opportunity to play together and work with world famous musicians to improve their musical knowledge, so as to reach the level of their EU colleagues, to join and enrich the EU's music scene, but also to actively collaborate with musicians from the EU. Merit scholarships will be offered to a maximum of 5 selected students (from all three music colleges in the country).

Different nations, religions and cultures have been living in Bosnia and Herzegovina for many centuries. Despite periods of conflict, BiH's society has a long tradition of coexistence, tolerance, acceptance and cooperation, which in the past decades was, unfortunately, disrupted by the war and the political situation that prevailed since the mid-nineties. The Ardea Project aims to connect different groups of people through music (peace by piece).

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Music Up Close Network

connecting orchestral music to young audiences

WHO WE ARE

Music Up Close Network is a multi-year cooperation project of European orchestras and international organisations for artistic mobility with the aim of giving concrete answers to the current challenges in the field of orchestral music. The partnership of the network is composed of orchestras, some of which have great experience of projects aimed at young audiences, such as the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, Barcelona Symphony Orchestra, Lille National Orchestra, and Santa Cecilia Symphony Orchestra. Other partners such as the Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra, Montenegrin Symphonic Orchestra and Ljubljana International Orchestra are involved to improve their activities at international level. The partners will also carry out activities to promote musical residencies for training young professional musicians in collaboration with Slokar Academy and the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation. Regesta is the technological partner implementing the web platform and Regione Lazio contributes to the promotion of musical activities in schools and for young people in the region.

OUR PROJECT

MUSIC UP CLOSE NETWORK is an artistic and cultural cooperation project that operates at an international level with the following objectives:

- to create a sustainable European network supporting new creativity and professional orchestral training for young audiences;
- to promote new productions and transnational circulation of new musical works, thereby helping to reach new audiences, especially young people and families;
- to support the internationalisation of artistic careers and strengthen the skills, knowledge and capacity of professionals to operate at a transnational and international level.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 10

Name of partners (including project leader):

Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia (IT) / L'AUDITORIUM - Barcelona Symphony Orchestra (ES) / NedPho - Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra (NL) / Orchestre National de Lille (FR) / Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra (BA) / MMC - Montenegrin Symphony Orchestra (ME) / Kulturno Društvo SBA (SI) / IYMF - International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation (BE) / Regesta.exe (IT) / Regione Lazio (IT)

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Music up close network





UTM

Unlocking the Maze: Raising the Voices of European Communities

WHO WE ARE

The consortium of partners consisted of the London Symphony Orchestra (UK), the Berliner Philharmoniker (Germany) and the Festival d'Aix en Provence (France). As European organisations specialising in classical music and opera, the partners used their collective experience of learning and community education to create a unique European community of artists and musicians.

Testimonial

"The music was fantastic, the orchestra was brilliant. The whole event was phenomenal. It was a great honour to work with Simon Rattle. The three soloists were amazing and it was inspiring to hear them in full flow during the performance. I've been in the choir for many years...but this one pushed the standard to a new level."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera, Classical Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):
London Symphony Orchestra, Berliner Philharmoniker,
Festival d'Aix en Provence

OUR PROJECT

The LSO, the Berlin Philharmonic and the Festival d'Aix created new productions of large-scale participatory vocal works and inspired the commission of new repertoires for European communities to sing. The productions were performed by community choirs of children and adults from diverse backgrounds, including those new to music making, alongside virtuosic players. Overcoming challenges together through complex, vivid works builds community cohesion and transforms participants into new audiences for orchestral and operatic music.

Across Europe participatory music performance has a low status. Where it is widespread it is often consigned to the margins. Where the tradition is younger, finding quality artists to deliver it can be hard. The partners joined forces to put large-scale participatory vocal works at the centre of their artistic programmes and on main stages, to catalyse bold programming in other organisations and to develop international workforces to deliver it.

Unlocking the Maze profiled a new commission by Jonathan Dove as a case study for work that fuses 'excellence' and 'community' and develops new audiences through this. Each partner's own creative team, ensemble of world-class and pre-professional players, and community singers developed the commission in their own cities with three distinct productions, with Sir Simon Rattle at the helm of all three.

A Community Arts Academy of 15 artists engaged with each production's final rehearsals with structured sessions to explore the challenges and skills involved, their social and artistic value, and their potential as a new concert format. Two conferences in London and in Aix invited wider European organisations and artists to inform the future of participatory concert formats. A digital platform also inspired reflection and exchange between organisations, artists, participants and audiences, and broadened interest across the European music sector.

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Festivallinks

Festivallinks

WHO WE ARE

Festivallinks brings together five small and midsize European (classical) music festivals off the beaten track. The project is coordinated by LUSTR, an innovative cultural agency from the Netherlands, specialising in audience development.

Our goal is to learn more about our audiences and how to reach them. We do so by inspiring each other through exchanging creative and organisational best practices. This process will lead to an audience development tool for small and midsize festivals called ARTSCORE. After two years the results of this unique cooperation will be published and shared with other festivals in Europe.

Testimonial

"Small is not just beautiful, small is sometimes unique. Festivallinks is about enhancing the invigorating power of small cultural organisations. Five small festivals join forces to share their unique qualities, learn from each other and inspire each other."

Michael GIELER, International Bach Festival – September 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

LUSTR (project leader), Silence Festival, International Bach Festival, Bach Festival Dordrecht, Sorru in Musica, Varna Summer International Music Festival

OUR PROJECT

Music is everywhere! Never before in history has music been as readily available as it is today, mostly for free or at low costs. The result: a decrease in audience participation. So the question arises: why should the audience still actively participate in live performances?

We found five innovative festivals on the fringes of Europe willing to join us on the quest for answers and inspire their peers and their audiences along the way. In Festivallinks they exchange artistic knowhow and collaborate to tackle their primary challenges.

Through five steps that we call 'movements', we propose a new methodology of exchanging innovative concepts for audience development in Europe. The partners collaborate to make their organisations more audience-centric, more sustainable, and better able to reach new, wider and more diverse audiences. Through peer-to-peer learning and an active sharing of good practices on audience engagement we want to invigorate not only the participating partners, but the entire music sector.



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LINKS**

EUMUT

European Music Trails



Musicians of the European Music Trails visit schools in Leipzig © Daniel Reiche

WHO WE ARE

The three partners of the European Music Trails from Germany, Norway and Lithuania are connected in the aim of preserving their respective musical heritage and making music more accessible. The Notenspur Leipzig from Germany specialises in musical walking tours through Leipzig's rich musical history and brings together musicians and audiences outside concert halls. For their connecting role, they received the European Heritage Label in 2018 together with nine musical heritage sites in Leipzig. The M. K. Čiurlionis House in Vilnius strives to uphold the memory and work of composer and painter Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis with an exhibition and events that also strengthen Lithuania's modern music scene. MB Classics from Norway is an initiative for giving people all across the country more opportunities to get in touch with the art of opera by organising events and creating networks.



Musicians of the European Music Trails from Norway, Lithuania and Germany play M. K. Čiurlionis in Leipzig © Daniel Reiche

Testimonial

"Europe happens as people set out to meet each other."

Prof. Werner SCHNEIDER, Chairman Notenspur Leipzig e.V.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera, Classical Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Notenspur Leipzig e.V. (Germany)

MB Classics (Norway)

M. K. Čiurlionis Namai (Lithuania)

OUR PROJECT

The European Music Trails is a project about the connecting power of music in a multinational Europe. Concentrating on three composers from the 19th and 20th centuries from three different countries – Clara Schumann (Germany), Edvard Grieg (Norway) and Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis (Lithuania) – the project looks into the rich musical past of Europe and draws connections with the present through a series of events. All three musicians lived, studied or worked in Leipzig at some point. They travelled extensively for their studies and concert tours, and while being firmly rooted within their country's culture and heritage they saw themselves as cosmopolitans, as Europeans. The European Music Trails therefore also discuss questions about national and European identity, questions that are in the foreground of current events.

Key aspects of the project are the exchanges between artists and the development of audiences. The European Music Trails consist of six different modules that are implemented in each country at different points in time. The modules enable exchange between different groups of people across national and social borders, strengthen a healthy culture of debate, and empower multipliers to spread their knowledge and enthusiasm about music and its history.

The main modules are a touring exhibition and a festival connected to an artist's residency. The exhibition will display the experiences of the three composers, when they travelled by stagecoach and early steam locomotives thousands of kilometres and long weeks to play concerts in cities all over Europe.

The festivals and connected artists' residencies will focus on the music of C. Schumann, E. Grieg and M.K. Čiurlionis but also invite young musicians from the three partnering countries to rehearse and perform together, creating a unique experience and enabling an exchange across borders. A fourth module is the concerts at unusual places where musicians play outside concert halls – on the street, in a private living room, at galleries, in old factories etc. These concerts offer a low threshold and give a different context, attracting new audiences.

To encourage a healthy culture of debate and to ask questions about national and European identity, the Open Forum on National Anthems was created as a fifth module. In different formats, participants have the opportunity either to listen to debating experts or to take part in discussions themselves. The sixth module aims to empower multipliers by developing teaching materials and by training volunteers to give guided tours through their cities.

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WHO WE ARE

ONE®- an Orchestra Network for Europe, is a distinctive network of classical symphony orchestras initiated in 2003 but still unique today. Since 2005, the network has received support from the European Union for five successive periods of activity under the Culture and Creative Europe Programmes.

ONE® is more concentrates on how the classical music sector opens up to digital technologies, questions the concert format, interacts with visual arts and promotes young artists. The Lead Partner Orchestre de Picardie (Amiens-France) and the 7 partners Jenaer Philharmonie (Jena-Germany), Slovak Sinfonietta Žilina (Žilina-Slovakia), RTV Slo Symphony Orchestra (Ljubljana-Slovenia), Filharmonia Śląska im. Henryka Mikołaja Góreckiego (Katowice-Poland), Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra (Zlín-Czech Republic), New Symphony Orchestra (Sofia-Bulgaria) and University for the Creative Arts – UCA (Canterbury-UK) develop innovative and creative interdisciplinary classical music experiences for larger audiences across Europe.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 8

Name of partners (including project leader):

Orchestre de Picardie (Amiens-France), Jenaer Philharmonie (Jena-Germany), Slovak Sinfonietta Žilina (Žilina-Slovakia), RTV Slo Symphony Orchestra (Ljubljana-Slovenia), Filharmonia Śląska im. Henryka Mikołaja Góreckiego (Katowice-Poland), Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra (Zlín-Czech Republic), New Symphony Orchestra (Sofia-Bulgaria) and University for the Creative Arts – UCA (Canterbury-UK)

OUR PROJECT

Over a 45-month period, 8 partners and 22 associated organisations from 10 European countries and 2 third countries, Mexico and China, with complementary experience in the creative and cultural sectors, implemented a large-scale European cooperation project.

The activities took place from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2019.

In the framework of the ONE® is more large-scale cooperation project, 38 European cooperation cultural activities were implemented.

Over the years ONE® has implemented actions which brand it as a network supporting pioneering transnational cooperation. Our experience is that mobility allows the artist to experience cultural diversity and integrate it in the creative process.

The main objectives addressed by the activities of the project were: transnational mobility of artists and circulation of repertoire, support to career development, providing students and young pre-professionals with skills and competences, R&D serving classical music, rethinking the presentation of classical music, communication and advocacy, assessment and network management.

Innovative approaches to audiences were provided through several activities using new technologies, such as the participative concerts that combined new technologies such as the smartphone choir. Audiences were requested to actively participate during each performance.

Live performances with visualisations of sound were implemented, proposing an innovative way of listening to music, mainly intended for primary and secondary schools and for families, mostly for educational purposes.

Participatory workshop sessions were implemented over the period, aiming at a new presentation of classical music.

Joint performances created a new professional dimension for musicians, involving a collective mobility in an international dimension, while improving their capacity-building. Some concerts involved more than 100 musicians on stage and emphasised particular repertoires.

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Europe du Piano

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WHO WE ARE

Festival Piano aux Jacobins (France): For 36 years, Piano aux Jacobins Festival has become one of the most important music festival in the country. Gathering on the same stage well-known pianist alongside talents of tomorrow. Piano aux Jacobins also have concerts all over the world. We have been developing in China for 11 years with concerts in Beijing, Shanghai, and other big chinese cities, but also in Japan, Vietnam and Russia.

Liszt Academy (Hungary): Partly created by Franz Liszt, the Liszt Academy is one of the most important and prestigious place to study in central Europe. It also has the biggest musical library in Hungary and a great concert hall. If you study piano, the Liszt Academy is the school you should go to.

Muzio Clementi (Italy): Associazione Clementi is working to make piano played all around Italy. They are in charge of the booking in Spoleto, they are also organizing concerts in Viterbo. Sandro de Palma, the artistic director is also a very respected pianist and teacher who have played on the biggest stage in the world during his career.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music, récital de piano solo

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Festival Piano aux Jacobins (France)

Liszt Académie (Hongrie)

Associazione Clementi (Italie)

OUR PROJECT

L'Europe du piano vise à permettre l'insertion professionnelle de jeunes pianistes tout en développant les publics. Ce projet de coopération permettra de tisser des liens entre les différents acteurs du monde pianistique. Le projet offre la possibilité à 5 jeunes talents de jouer sur des scènes prestigieuses en Europe et à l'international.

The main objective of the project "L'Europe du Piano" is to enable the professional development of young European pianists as well as to reach new audiences and to facilitate communication of the piano world.

In order to encourage them in their new careers, each year 5 young European pianists will be selected and supported by the project. They will have the unique opportunity of playing in prestigious concert halls around Europe and all over the world.

For 12 months they will have access to high level masterclasses, professionals meetings and musicological conventions.

We are proud that the audience is also associated to the carrier's development of these young pianists.

L'Europe du piano, in cooperation with the European Union's program Europe Creative, is an association of the Liszt Academy in Budapest, the Muzio Clementi Association in Rome and the Festival Piano aux Jacobins in Toulouse.

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The Bridge

The Bridge

Scottish Ensemble © Louise Mather

WHO WE ARE

Scottish Ensemble is the UK's leading professional string orchestra. SE takes audiences on musical adventures and is acclaimed for its exceptional performances, genre-defying cross-artform collaborations, innovative presentation and programming, and commitment to diverse communities across Scotland.

With its unique enthusiasm and artistic quality, Ensemble Resonanz from Hamburg ranks as one of the world's leading chamber orchestras. Vivid interpretations create a special resonance between the pieces, the audience and the stories told around their programme.

Fundamental passion, perfection and raw intensity allow TrondheimSolistene to carve out their own musical territory. One of the most distinguished ensembles in Norway, the group has garnered international recognition for their distinctively open and clear orchestral sound.

PLMF supports young talented professional musicians by organising master classes, opportunities to perform and by introducing them internationally as well as organising chamber-music concerts and festivals throughout Estonia.



Ensemble Resonanz © Tobias Schult

Testimonial

"The Bridge is empowering our organisations to embrace new ideas in order to better reach, inspire and connect with our audiences,; which is a fundamentally positive force. Longer-term, developing this deep transnational collaboration with more like-minded ensembles will allow us all to increase our profile, champion a shared musical heritage and a collaborative musical future, and bring ensemble music-making to new people in new ways."

Jenny JAMISON, Chief Executive, Scottish Ensemble, August 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical, string-led music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Scottish Ensemble (UK) - Lead partner

Ensemble Resonanz (DE)

Trondheim Soloists (NO)

PLMF Music Trust (EE)

OUR PROJECT

The Bridge is a pan-European collaboration celebrating and pushing forward innovation in classical music. The project is building connections between music ensembles who are doing exciting, high quality work to challenge perceptions about this artform, redefining how it can be performed and exploring what it can say in today's society.

The Bridge emerged from a shared belief that ambitious smaller ensembles within the classical music sector are some of the best suited to embrace innovation. Together, the partners are seeking to share international knowledge and best practice in order to find and evidence strong and compelling ways to welcome and inspire new audiences to this work, and to the diverse European musical heritage that sits at its heart.

The Bridge comprises both industry-focused and public events across Scotland, Germany, Norway and Estonia, before culminating in a new festival of string music. Taking place in various spaces across Glasgow from 14th to 17th May 2020, the festival will include performances of all scales: from a massed forces orchestra comprised of musicians from all the project partners (due to take place in an iconic Glasgow rock venue); to intimate pop-up concerts in unexpected public and civic spaces; to youth engagement and public participation events. Two new commissions, designed to showcase the versatility of string repertoire and classical music as a whole, will act as a musical legacy.

Over the course of the project The Bridge will reach out to a large group of outstanding music ensembles with the aim of inaugurating an industry network. This will be the main developmental legacy for the project - a more formal and effective means for small but exceptional music ensembles to connect, collaborate and build expertise. As a combined force, The Bridge network aims to inspire industry leaders, larger orchestral institutions and a wider European public to connect with innovative classical music making.

With the backdrop of Brexit and other shared societal challenges, it is essential that cultural organisations continue to nurture European ties. A shared cultural heritage is key to a shared European identity; in the face of political discord, creative projects can act as a powerful voice of social unity. In the context of The Bridge, the rich catalogue of string music that has come out of Europe represents a significant artistic tradition, and each partner organisation seeks to celebrate this repertoire and its potential to move, inspire, challenge, and stimulate audiences.

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EOLABII

European Orchestra Laboratory II

WHO WE ARE

The European Orchestra LABoratory (a consortium of 7 symphony orchestras from 6 countries) aims to enlarge the role of symphony orchestras at the centre of society by taking our inspirational music closer to the people, enhancing quality of life.

After establishing a shared vision on new ways of audience development and innovating business models the orchestras of EOLAB started developing and testing new concepts and exchanging knowledge and results in October 2016. This cooperation will end October 2019.



Halle THIF 2019, Hallé Orchestra, © Bill Lam

Testimonial

"I am impressed by the results achieved by our musicians who had the courage to design and lead these unconventional projects and I am moved by the impact on the communities they worked with. These results on both sides are of high value for the future of our orchestra."

Kees MEIJER, Managing Director Orkest van het Oosten (Netherlands Symphony Orchestra)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music (symphony orchestras)

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

Orkest van het Oosten (The Netherlands Symphony Orchestra, project leader), Hallé Orchestra, Tonkünstler-Orchester, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, Romanian National Symphony Orchestra, Barcelona Symphony Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra



Czech Phil Final EOLab concert, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra © Petra Hajska

OUR PROJECT

EOLAB's experimental small and larger scale orchestral projects aim to challenge the traditional top down orchestra management model and to release the tremendous potential of individual musicians.

This means: reinventing the relationship between orchestra managers, orchestra musicians and the audience. Therefore all experimental projects of the partner orchestras have in common that selected musicians are empowered to be project leaders (with strategic responsibility and funded resources) in targeted communities, collaborating with community ambassadors to bring orchestras closer to society. Consequently, orchestra managers are exposed to new ways to collaborate with their musicians and audiences.

Nearing the end of EOLab's three year cooperation it can be concluded that all EOLab-projects share the following results and learnings.

Bringing musicians in the position of designing and leading projects brings in a world of new connections, new community ambassadors and target groups. Even new (non-traditional) venues for performances are found, close to audiences never reached out to before.

Most musicians who took up the challenge to be project leader succeeded and added new assets to their professional career. By recruiting and guiding musicians in this new way, the orchestras gained new project managers within the organisation of value for the future. Moreover, the new relationships with audiences established by the musician leaders are highly valuable to build on for the future and give the organisation a broader base in society.

The process of introducing musicians as project leaders within the organization of course involved many misunderstandings between musicians and management, sometimes resulting in disappointments, but in the end the mutual understanding of each other's roles increased significantly, based on the prevailing common interest: designing meaningful musical experiences for and with audiences.

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HANSWAY

The Hanseatic Way: A Musical Journey Through a Shared Past

WHO WE ARE

'Suonatori del granduca' administers the activities of Vilnius-based early music ensemble Canto Fiorito (artistic director Rodrigo Calveyra). The ensemble is dedicated to the research and performance of renaissance and baroque music on the basis of historically informed principals. It also implements educational early music activities - lectures, workshops and master-classes. The ensemble also organises the International Kretinga Early Music Festival.

Musica Antiqua Salzburg is an instrumental ensemble that focuses on the performance of early music on period instruments. It focuses on instrumental consort music of the early Baroque with sackbuts and cornets, supported by basso continuo in various settings, but also on larger instrumentations with winds and strings.

Estonian Record Productions, or ERP, is one of the most widely known classical music companies in Estonia. It provides the services of recording, releasing, distribution, artist management, organisation of concerts and festivals, and live streaming.

'The Hanseatic Way: A Musical Journey Through a Shared Past' (artistic leader Rodrigo Calveyra) was a musical and educational project, implemented in cooperation between early music ensembles Canto Fiorito (Lithuania, project leader), Musica Antiqua Salzburg (Austria) and music management company ERP (Estonia).

Testimonial

"Who would fail to see the benefits of cross-European cooperation on listening to the fine voices of five singers of Canto Fiorito from Vilnius and cornetto and sackbut players from Musica Antiqua Salzburg? They took us on the enlightening musical journey [...]. The musicianship shown in their subtle use of expression and phrasing was first rate."

John Q. MARCH

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Early Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Suonatori del granduca, which administers the early music ensemble Canto Fiorito (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Musica Antiqua Salzburg (Salzburg, Austria)

ERP (Tallinn, Estonia)



Suonatori del Graduca © Hanseatic Way

OUR PROJECT

Following in the footsteps of the widely-known historical phenomena that was the Hanseatic League, this project aimed to raise the interest of contemporary society and especially of children and youth in a shared European cultural heritage. A specially designed concert programme was created, representing composers from each country of the Hanseatic League chronologically, in a simulated journey through space and time. This programme led audiences through the 16th and 17th centuries, starting in England, passing through Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Scandinavia, Poland and finally reaching the Baltic states. The programme presented some of the pearls of renaissance polyphonic music, represented by Byrd, Tallis, di and Sweelinck, as well as jewels of the seconda prattica, such as Schütz, Pökel and Merula, not forgetting the Venetian poly-choral tradition in the music of Praetorius and Cacciola.

The concerts were performed by the early music ensembles Canto Fiorito (5 singers, organ) and Musica Antiqua Salzburg (cornettos and sackbuts) in 8 concerts in 7 European countries: Vilnius and Kaunas (Lithuania), Rostock (Germany), Tartu (Estonia), Brighton (UK), Riga (Latvia), Vienna (Austria) and Amsterdam (Netherlands). Some of them were part of larger events such as Kaunas Hanseatic Days, International Hansa Day in Rostock, Glasperlenspiel Festival (Tartu), Brighton Early Music Festival (UK), Bach Chamber Music Festival (Riga) and Jeunesse Festival (Vienna). The Estonian project partner broadcast all the concerts directly through a specially created mobile app 'ERP Live' to reach wider audiences. The concerts were accompanied by the screening of a video, compiled from historical images of Hanseatic cities, created from the 15th to the 17th centuries, and by artwork by children and young people, inspired by historical images. Children from Lithuania, Germany, the UK, Latvia, Austria and the Netherlands were involved in creating the video through the art contest, and the best authors received prizes and were introduced to the audiences of the concerts alongside the musicians.

Apart from the concerts and children's art contest, the project included other educational and audience development activities, such as media presentations of Hanseatic culture at schools or other venues (held in 8 cities), masterclasses of early music (in 3 cities) and flash mobs in public spaces in 8 cities, enabling direct interaction between musicians and the wider public and creating attractive publicity material that was posted on social media.

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MEF

Musique est une femme

Musique est une femme © Mateusz Baran

WHO WE ARE

Foundation TAK Foundation TAK www.fundacjatak.pl is an artist-run organisation which promotes the importance of music in modern society and explores the bridge-building capacity of music. The TAK foundation combines the functions of a management office, artistic laboratory and publisher of music. TAK commissions new compositions, organises concert tours but also music competitions. Many of their projects involve young people.

The Handelsbeurs www.handelsbeurs.be is an essential music forum that builds bridges between different musical genres for a broad and diverse audience. The Hall plays the unique role in the Ghent and Flemish musical landscape. Handelsbeurs presents about 100 concert days a year, spread over different musical genres, series, special concert formats and festivals.

The Molyvos International Music Festival www.molyvosfestival.com is a unique project for the north Aegean region. Utilising all the beauty, resources and buildings that Molyvos has to offer, the festival features a feast of daytime chamber music concerts with renowned young soloists from all over the world, culminating in an evening symphonic concert at the Byzantine castle of Molyvos.

The Cēsis Concert Hall www.cesukonzertzale.lv makes professional art available to people in the Vidzeme region in Latvia. It hosts more than 100 events a year and receives approximately 60 000 visitors. It is a unique multifunctional cultural centre of national significance, and is also the venue for a music school and local centre with amateur art groups.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music composed by women before WWII

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Fundacja TAK Temat Aktualny Kultura

Noordstarfonds vzw BL

Molyvos International Music Festival GR

Vidzemes Koncertzale LV

OUR PROJECT

"I once believed that I possessed creative talent, but I have given up this idea; a woman must not desire to compose — there has never yet been one able to do it. Should I expect to be the one?" This dramatic statement — written by Clara Wieck-Schumann (1819-1896) — is very tragic and false at the same time. Unfortunately it expresses an opinion that has existed for ages. Even nowadays, when we look at existing works about the history of music or at programmes of concerts there is hardly any space left for music composed by women before the 20th century. However the absence of women in the standard music histories is not due to their absence in the musical past. In spite of this unfavourable climate there were women who surpassed or rather had been trying hard to surpass all the obstacles which stood against their artistic accomplishment. The first preserved compositions written by women in Europe date from the 19th century. The list of women composers is longer than we commonly expect. But their works were never circulated enough and fell unfairly into oblivion. *Musique est une femme* is one action which intends to change this state of affairs. We have united passionate artists and cultural organisers from Belgium, Greece, Latvia and Poland to enhance the legacy of European women composers. We present their music at different concerts but also let it circulate online via a dedicated YouTube channel called 'composed by women'. We invited a broad audience (with a focus on the younger generation) to the discussion on our topic via a short video competition. We inspired them to search for the content and context, to place the topic somewhere in their knowledge and consciousness. Biographies of women composers are always very exciting since they were outstanding personalities who had to struggle for their artistic identity. The submitted films are very inspiring. Some of the participants focused on a chosen female composer. We received wonderful videos about Tekla Bądarzewska, Amy Beach, Hildegard von Bingen, Rebecca Clarke, Mme Poldovsky, Ottilie Suková... Some of them focused on one specific composition which impressed them, some took a broader context to show the position of female composers in earlier centuries. Meanwhile, other participants concentrated on identifying stereotypes about the composing capacities of women in a deeper and broader manner and subjected them to analysis. Check out our YouTube channel to discover great music and great female composers.

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Let's Sing Oratorio Music!



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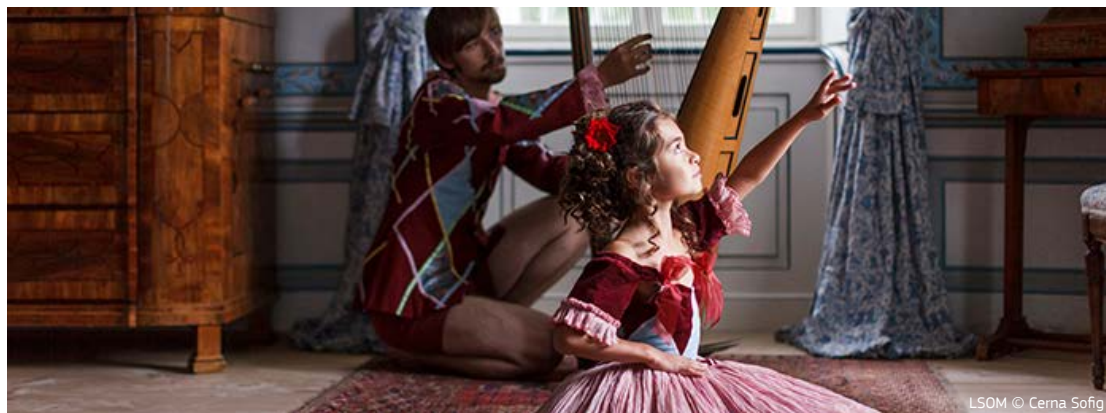
WHO WE ARE

1. "Silesian Theatre Opava" (Silesian Theatre Opava – SDO – p1) in Opava, Czech Republic, Lead Partner (p1), the most important cultural institution of its region, public theatre with a historical tradition of opera, prose and ballet productions;
2. "European Musical Academy" (Accademia Musicale Europea – AME – P3) from Rome, Italy, the organisation which organises the Sacred Music International Competition;
3. "PanEllenic Federation of School Choirs and Choir Directors" (Panellinia Omospondia Xorodion Kai Dieythynon Xorodia, PA.O.XO.DI.XO – P4) from Karditsa, Greece, the organisation who coordinates the development of choral art in the whole of Greece and Europe;
4. "Filarmonica Mihail Jora" (FMJ – P2) in Bacau, Romania, the most important orchestra of the north-east region of Romania and one of the most representative of the whole nation.

OUR PROJECT

Let's sing Oratorio Music! is a European cultural project from the Silesian Theatre in Opava ('SDO'). LET'S SING ORATORIO MUSIC, is a creative workshop designed to enrich music education in schools. It couples practical experience of cooperation between teachers and pupils with music professionals. For teachers, it provides workshops in which they receive training from specialists on how to approach teaching and how to sing oratorios effectively.

For pupils, it offers not only the experience of collaborating with professional singers and orchestras, but also an unforgettable stage experience of singing an oratorio in a theatre in front of an audience. Our main goal is also breaking down the border between audiences and artists in the form of active public participation in rehearsing the performance and involving professionals in workshops for the audience.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical and sacred music, choir singing, workshops

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Slezské Divadlo Opava (CZ)

Filarmonica "Mihail Jora" Bacau (RO)

Accademia Musicale Europea (ITA)

Panellinia Omospondia Xorodion Kai Dieythynon Xorodias (GR)

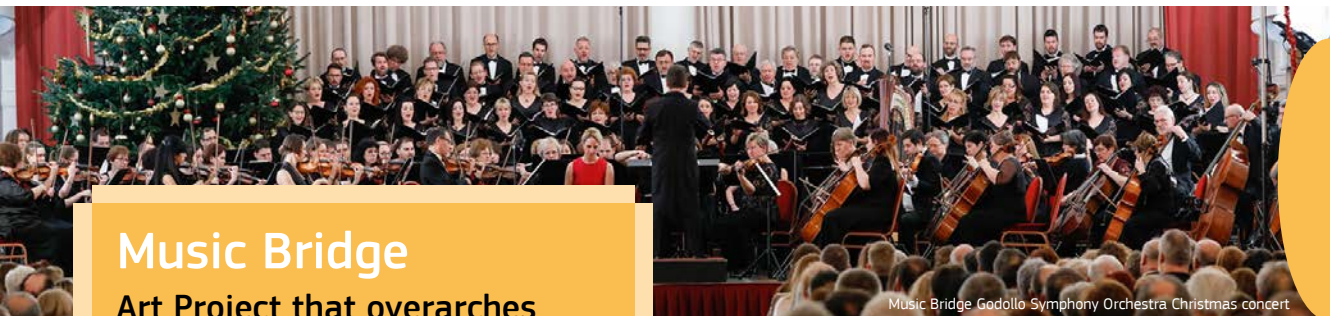
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Music Bridge Gödöllő Symphony Orchestra Christmas concert

Music Bridge

Art Project that overarches countries and connects several nationalities and communities

WHO WE ARE

The cohesion of the partnership stems from common values, a commitment to presenting Europe's valuable classical musical heritage to the widest possible audience, and to educating young people who love and understand music.

The Gödöllő Symphonic Orchestra has been developing and implementing its own audience development creative methods for 35 years.

Over the years, the concerts of the Csik Chamber Orchestra have become significant in the cultural life of Szeklerland/Székelyland.

The TALENTUM civic association plays a key role in the Dunajská Streda region with cultural programmes and international festivals.

Pro Cultura Subcarpathica is active in the Transcarpathia region of Ukraine with the aim of assessing local cultural conditions, developing and preserving cultural identities, and organising cultural life.

XVIII-21 Musique des Lumières - Le Baroque Nomade aims to find other kinds of music: music that is exotic or different; music that is listened to in other ways, by different kinds of people.

Talamba Percussion Group's goal is to present a wide repertoire of musical styles and reconcile them with each other, from Bach to Mussorgsky, jazz, folk songs, African tribal rhythms and Balkan melodies. The group plays a big role in setting up quality concerts for children living in disadvantaged regions.

Tolna Youth Brass Band Association aims to attract more people to music and develop their needs in cultural programmes and international festivals.

OUR PROJECT

Music Bridge project, with its 172 music audience development programme, is a bridge connecting musicians from several European countries, building international connections through the arts and music.

It is a complex art programme, which primarily considers the message of music developed in Europe, its classical values, the introduction of symphonic music, and the promotion of classical musical literacy.

Within the framework of the project, symphony orchestra concerts, professional conferences, workshops, partner meetings, international music master classes and youth 'experience concerts' are organised.

With common project goals, in the framework of co-productions based on international mobility, artists and music students from different countries prepare for a production together in order to get to know each other's culture better.

Testimonial

"A person cannot be fully happy without the joy of music. This joy, however, must be taught to mankind because it does not come by itself."

Kodály

GENERAL INFORMATION


Field: Classical music, early music and folk music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7


Name of partners (including project leader):

Gödöllő Symphony Orchestra Foundation (HU), Csik Chamber Orchestra (RO), Talentum (SK), Pro Cultura Subcarpathica (UA), XVIII-21 Musique des Lumières (F), Talamba (HU), Tolna Youth Brass Band (HU)

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Scottish Ensemble © Louise Mather

ECMA Pro

International Career Development and Socially Engaged Outreach in Chamber Music

WHO WE ARE

"Founded in 2004, the European Chamber Music Academy (ECMA) has established itself as the leading further education programme for young professional chamber music ensembles in Europe: educational institutions and festivals from all over Europe and beyond cooperate in promoting young ensembles on their way to artistic independence. At the heart of ECMA are the ECMA Sessions: international coaching sessions for young ensembles from all over Europe, taking place alternately at the various partner institutions.

The project is a cooperation between 12 partner institutions and festivals from nine European countries.

The project leader, mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, is among the world's largest and most renowned universities specialised in the performing arts of music, theatre and film. As an international leader for studies in music, performing arts and related academic disciplines since 1817, the university currently provides training for close to 3,000 students from over 70 countries in 115 degree programmes and 41 supplementary programmes run by 25 departments.

ECMA Pro involves seven music universities and conservatoires from across Europe, two internationally renowned festivals as well as the ECMA association, AEC – the leading network of European HMEI, and Musethica, an organisation and teaching method that combines intense concert training with socially engaged outreach."

Testimonial

"ECMA offers an inspiring environment for concentrated and intensive ensemble work where the essential questions of chamber music and its execution are approached and illuminated from various angles. It also is a uniquely concrete and proactive network that connects students with tutors, older colleagues with younger fellow artists as well as agents with future performers."

Minna PENSOLA – violinist, tutor, alumna with Meta4 string quartet

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical, chamber music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 13

Name of partners (including project leader):

mdw University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (AT), Royal Conservatoire The Hague (NL), Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris (FR), Norges musikkhøgskole, Oslo (NOR), Scuola di Musica di Fiesole – Fondazione Onlus (IT), Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest (HU), Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Vilnius (LT), ECMA – European Chamber Music Academy (AT), Grafenegg Festival (AT), Musethica (DE), Flanders Festival Ghent (BE), AEC – Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen, Brussels (BE)

OUR PROJECT

Over the project period, ECMA Pro aims to take ECMA activities to another level by adding several elements:

Showcases:

'Showcases' will be organised in order to give the ensembles opportunities to play for professional audiences that include concert and festival organisers as well as agency representatives – a targeted way of supporting them as they grow into international concert life.

Musethica:

Together with the Europe-wide organisation Musethica, 'Musethica Sessions' will support the ensembles' development through intense concert work in unusual venues: 10 to 14 appearances within just a few days at places including 'hotspot' schools, institutions for people with disabilities, and refugee shelters will connect concentrated performance training, coaching, and monitoring with 'third mission' activities.

New performance formats:

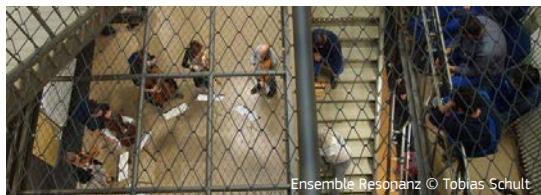
Alongside intensive musical instruction, the young musicians will develop alternative concert formats in workshops with international experts for a variety of audiences.

Career skills:

Additionally, workshops and lectures will provide the artists with the essential career skills needed to develop and grow their careers in a rapidly changing professional environment. On-site training sessions will be supported by a digital learning tool.

Enhanced Digitisation:

Considering the pandemic, a number of the project's central features are very timely: video tutorials of coaching and workshops during the training sessions will be produced and published on the ECMA Digital Knowledge Center of Teaching Chamber Music, a freely accessible resource for chamber music students and teachers worldwide. The ECMA Digital Career Skills Platform will provide teaching and informational materials on career-related topics.



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EKAL

European Chamber Music Academy (Europäische Kammermusik Akademie)

WHO WE ARE

EKAL is an association of six universities that want to try out new ways of training and developing chamber music.

The cooperation came about through personal exchanges between the professors involved at the universities, including at the HARMOS Festival in Porto. Even though the universities pursue different priorities in the field of chamber music, they are united by the commitment to make this valuable repertoire heard again. Moreover, the participating institutions agree that young ensembles today face far greater challenges in conquering the stages of the world.



EKAL Gyldfeldt Quartett © Jörg Singer

OUR PROJECT

Every 2 years, ensembles from all over Europe (not only from the active partner universities) meet to give concerts together and gain stage experience. The concerts take place at numerous historical venues in and around Leipzig, such as the Bach Archive, the Mendelssohn House, the Grieg Memorial, the Schumann Houses in Leipzig and Zwickau, and the Schütz House in Weißenfels. This gives the ensembles the opportunity to introduce themselves to an accomplished and qualified audience and to take their first steps towards a professional career. In addition, a lively exchange on didactic and musical issues has developed among the teachers. Mutual observation rounds off the concept.



EKAL Trio de Sta © Jörg Singer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classic, Chamber Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

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INTERFACES

New Models and Practices For Audience Development in Contemporary Music in Europe

WHO WE ARE

Interfaces is an international, interdisciplinary project focusing on bringing new music to an extensive range of new audiences. It unites eight diverse partners from seven European countries plus several other European and international associate partners, with extensive and varied experience in performing, multimedia, new media, acoustic and electroacoustic research, community action and education. INTERFACES is coordinated by Onassis Stegi (GR), a contemporary art centre hosting events across the whole spectrum of the arts. Partners include: De Montfort University's Music, Technology and Innovation Research Centre (UK); European University Cyprus (CY); IRCAM (FR), one of the world's largest public research centres dedicated to both musical expression and scientific research; ZKM | Center for Media and Technology (DE), a unique cultural institution for all media and genres; Q-O2 (BE), a workspace for experimental contemporary music and sound art; Ictus (BE), a Brussels-based contemporary music ensemble; and Klangforum Wien (AT), an Austrian chamber orchestra based in Vienna.

Testimonial

"By actively engaging with audiences and creative communities Interfaces aims to stimulate a deeper interrelation of art and society, thus not only stimulating creative processes but also the creative economy at a European level. Interfaces is designed to provide an international context for developing best practices, skill-sets, technologies and media for achieving this."

Christos CARRAS, Executive Director & Head of Music Programme at Onassis Stegi

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Sonic Practices (Music)

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 8

Name of partners (including project leader):

Onassis Stegi (Greece), De Montfort University (United Kingdom), European University Cyprus (Cyprus), Ircam (France), Q-O2 (Belgium), Ictus (Belgium), ZKM | Center for Media and Technology (Germany), Klangforum Wien (Austria).



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OUR PROJECT

Interfaces is a 4-year project focusing on bringing new music to an extensive range of new audiences. With the support of the Creative Europe programme, INTERFACES brings together eight partners from the UK, Germany, France, Cyprus, Belgium, Austria and Greece to explore innovative ways of introducing audiences to the work of cutting-edge musicians and sound artists.

To achieve this goal, INTERFACES is carrying out a very wide range of actions including: new performance formats in new innovative spaces and across artistic disciplines using new media for creation and dissemination; educational activities aiming to introduce interactive software to new users so they can gain basic knowledge of sound production and processing, as well as basic approaches to composing with sound; an online course focusing on providing inroads into contemporary music; training programmes in key areas such as new media, ICT, digital archiving, broadcasting and IPR issues; research projects into audience attitudes to new music and a new music/new audiences project mapping on European level; colloquia on themes which are immediately relevant to the search for new performance models and spaces or to initiatives in education, of crucial importance to audience development.

INTERFACES will use innovative approaches to introduce a variety of experimental projects with a performative dimension and design large-scale productions to act as flagships for the project and reach large audiences that up to this point have had only little contact with contemporary music. Moreover, the project will offer residencies for artists aimed at broadening their experience and their ability to collaborate with artists from different countries and from different areas of expertise.

INTERFACES aims to inspire more people of all ages and demographics to experience contemporary music and sound art and learn to incorporate the European musical legacy in newly-found idioms and contexts.

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WHO WE ARE

The International Music Council (IMC) is the world's largest network of organisations and institutions working in the field of music. The IMC promotes access to music for all and the value of music in the lives of all peoples. Through its members and their networks, IMC has direct access to over 1000 organisations in some 150 countries and to 200 million people eager to develop and share knowledge and experience on diverse aspects of musical life. The IMC has proclaimed and works towards the advancement of five music rights:

the right for all children and adults to express themselves musically in all freedom, to learn musical languages and skills, to have access to musical involvement through participation, listening, creation, and information; and the right for musical artists to develop their artistry and communicate through all media, with proper facilities at their disposal and to obtain just recognition and fair remuneration for their work.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 10

Name of partners (including project leader):

International Music Council (France), Birmingham Conservatoire (United Kingdom), BOZAR Centre for Fine Arts (Belgium), Conservatorio Vincenzo Bellini (Italy), Estonian Public Broadcasting, ERR (Estonia), European Music Council (Germany), Faculty of Arts Belgrade (Serbia), National Forum of Music (Poland), Polish Radio (Poland), Sveriges Radio (Sweden)

OUR PROJECT


Rostrum+ was aimed at rethinking the ways in which contemporary music connects with audiences through radio networks. The project explored new strategies to develop audiences, promoted new music, enhanced the skills of radio professionals and inspired cooperation between musicians, higher music education institutions and broadcasting companies throughout Europe and beyond. The springboard for the project was the International Rostrum of Composers (IRC), an annual event bringing together some 40 delegates of national broadcasting companies which the IMC has organised since 1954. Building upon this existing foundation, the project introduced new activities that connected with other operators of the genre, the end goal being the expansion and durable growth/sustaining of the contemporary music sector in Europe and beyond. Rostrum+ included four editions of the International Rostrum of Composers from 2015 to 2018 during which delegates presented some 200 works from emerging composers for future broadcast by participating radios. Moreover, radio professionals had the opportunity to interview renowned composers, network with colleagues and learn about new trends and challenges in radio broadcasting. In 2016 a special edition in connection with the European Forum on Music gave them the opportunity to exchange with some 100 representatives of European music organisations.

As a direct result of the four editions of the IRC under the Rostrum+ project, some 60 composers gained international exposure through broadcasts and online streaming and 8 of them received commissions and benefitted from residency programmes in cooperation with Radio France and the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation.

Moreover, some 100 students from higher music education institutions in Belgrade, Birmingham and Palermo studied and performed works presented at the IRC in their city and had the opportunity to benefit from a year-long training course with an established music professional to understand how to build, promote and market a contemporary music concert. This process culminated in three special Rostrum+ concerts by students at the Centre for Fine Arts in Brussels.

The general public was also catered to during special workshops and presentations on contemporary music, site-specific listening stations, concerts and with much more contemporary music created in a diverse range of countries on national radio programs.

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MCLASS

Moving Classics European Network for New Music

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WHO WE ARE

Moving Classics' partners are: the production company Curated Place, the Cycle Music and Art Festival Iceland, Pinquins percussion trio Norway and the South Iceland Chamber Choir.

To prepare our successful application to the Culture Fund of the European Union we extended our production network to invite composers from anywhere in Europe to work with our partner ensembles Kammerkor Sudurlands (IS), Pinquins Percussion Trio (Nor) and Psappha (UK) under the direction of Curated Place (UK). We also worked closely with an Icelandic production team who led our main audience engagement vehicle "Cycle Festival of Music and Art" and developed two light and sound art festivals in the UK: "Spectra" in Aberdeen and "ENLIGHTEN Manchester".



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Classical / Electronic

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Moving Classics' partners are: Curated Place (lead), Cycle Music and Art Festival, Pinquins and the South Iceland Chamber Choir.

OUR PROJECT

Inspired by regional musical, literary, poetic and artistic traditions, interpreted through the eyes of an outsider working in each host region, the project delivered a series of composer residencies with host ensembles. This led to the creation of new works followed by a series of festivals for showcasing the new works, alongside workshops, master-classes and debates that connect participants and audiences. The intention was to engage modern audiences who may not have experienced contemporary classical music before. The project aimed to reshape the perception of taught musicianship by moving the performance space from the concert hall to found spaces and the public realm.

To date we have shown more than 120 original works and enabled 10 composers to create new works. This is thanks to our tried and tested split-residency format whereby we nurture relationships between the collaborating artists by financing and supporting multiple visits over a six-month residency window. This ensures that true collaborative relationships are able to form and many participants have continued creating works together or with other MCLASS alumni after meeting at our events. We have also extended several of these works into installation pieces allowing multiple performances and financially viable touring works.

Our original MCLASS project attracted 126 applications from 21 EU states allowing 6 new music commissions to be realized through our multi part residency programme. 4 were successfully transformed into touring digital works that have featured in major sound & arts festivals seen by over 60,000 people, thereby creating significant platforms for audience development and international opportunities. This shows that our cooperative approach across multiple skillsets is effective in connecting a fragmented cultural landscape, reaching new/non audiences and reframing the experience and expectation of 'new' music through inclusion in cross-disciplinary public art, digital art and festival experiences. We now want to expand our audience reach, develop new digital experiences and promote artists within and beyond the EU.

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DYCE

Discovering Young Composers of Europe

WHO WE ARE

DYCE's four partners are four European musical ensembles devoted to classical contemporary music. They have similar artistic features: a long experience in the performance of contemporary music, a vocation to work with young composers and help them in the first steps of their career, and a great confidence and experience in audience development activities. While creating the consortium, a geographically balanced distribution across Europe was also considered. The partnership is based on mutual esteem and trust and on a democratic division of tasks and responsibilities. All musical activities (Call for Scores, Concerts, Audience Development, CD) have been equally assigned to the 4 partners and are being implemented autonomously by means of a common method. The project leader Divertimento Ensemble is in charge of the overall coordination and of general services, and keeps in constant contact with partners and with the European Commission.

Testimonials

"In our times a project like DYCE has been a wonderful and inventive musical sign, also a sign against nationalism - full of possibilities and discoveries for composers and interpreters all over Europe. I am glad I had the chance to be a part of it."

Johannes SCHÖLLHORN

"DYCE is the only competition for contemporary music that is as integrative as it is differentiated through its international as well as regional structure. A perfect model of European cultural processes."

Hanspeter KYBURZ

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical contemporary music, i.e. classical music of the 20th and 21st centuries

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Divertimento Ensemble, project leader – Milan – Italy

Cikada, partner – Oslo – Norway

Ensemble U, partner – Tallinn – Estonia

Taller Sonoro, partner – Seville – Spain

OUR PROJECT

DYCE, Discovering Young Composers of Europe, is a small-scale European project co-funded through the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union during the years 2018-2020.

DYCE's starting point is a Call for Scores that was carried out from October 2018 to January 2019 and was made accessible to all composition students from all European Universities, Conservatoires and Musikhochschulen: this became the first stage of a wider cultural project which has also included audience development activities, several professional public performances of new pieces by young composers, and a CD.

DYCE's 5 main steps are: 1] The European composition competition (October 2018 – January 2019) which received over 180 scores and where an international jury selected 12 winners from across Europe; 2] Audience development activities that took place from January to April 2019 in the four partners' cities (Milan, Oslo, Seville, Tallinn): audiences were offered a special training programme to familiarise themselves with the characteristics of new music; 3] On 28th April 2019 the 12 scores that won the competition were performed in four concerts in the four partners' cities. At the end of the concerts, and thanks to the training activities, the audiences of the four cities voted for the 4 best pieces of the 12, together with the musicians of the ensembles; 4] The four selected composers have now been commissioned to write a new piece each, and the new compositions will be performed in Milan, Oslo, Seville and Tallinn in April and May 2020, and will be recorded for a CD to be released in June 2020; 5] A final convention, in May 2020, will publicize DYCE's experience and focus on many aspects of New Music in Europe: the different composition schools and styles/languages, the relations between composers and other professionals in the field, the differences in European "markets", and the overall chances offered to young composers. It will be an opportunity to share the project in all its details and make its outcomes available, creating a positive legacy for DYCE. The meeting will be conducted in English and will be video-recorded.

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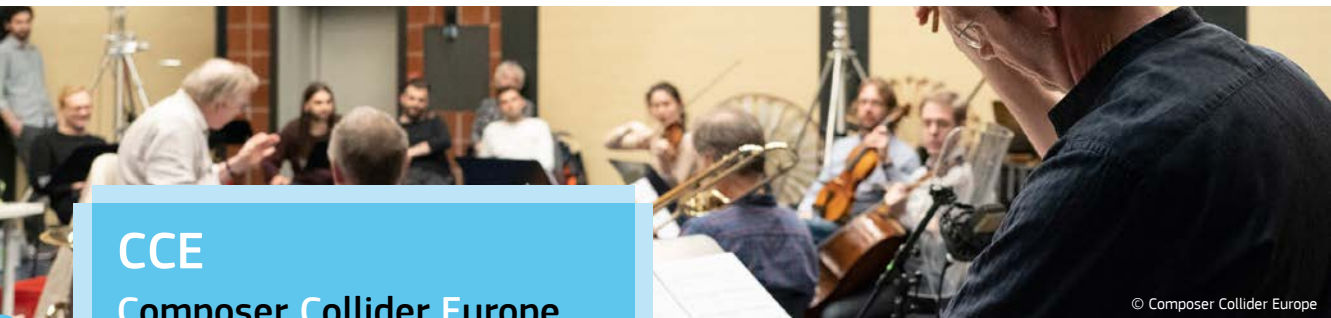
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WHO WE ARE

All partners are established music institutions and have been working in musical research, education and production for many years. The responsible departments of the three music conservatoires are well known places for innovation and education in the field of contemporary music and are supervised by renowned professors.

Ensemble Musikfabrik is one of the leading ensembles for contemporary music and an international cultural ambassador for the federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia. In line with the literal meaning of its name, Ensemble Musikfabrik is particularly dedicated to artistic innovation.

The combination of these versatile institutions provides both a reliable organisational backbone and the artistic, innovative and pedagogic creativity CCE is aiming for.

Testimonial

"To work (...) with Ensemble Musikfabrik was a unique experience in seeing how a (...) professional ensemble can handle their rehearsal time in between four completely different pieces; (...) Having attended (...) a few contemporary music concerts, I can confirm that this was one of the most intimate, warm and enthusiastic concerts in this venue (...). The same atmosphere was prevailing during the Spielbar sessions."

Zesses SEGLIAS (Quote from personal report Cologne 21.3.2019, compare homepage)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln (project leader)
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - The contemporary Music Lab
Royal Conservatoire in The Hague
Ensemble Musikfabrik

OUR PROJECT

"Contemporary music as a means of communication shows us the path to the future and is our heritage for the next generations."

Composer Collider Europe – CCE is a series of transnational activities for composition students and alumni from three partner universities (Cologne, Thessaloniki, The Hague) and interested amateurs. It offers them the opportunity to work with professional composers, professors and the musicians of Ensemble Musikfabrik. It began in November 2017 and will end with a final tour in 2020.

CCE consists of three central elements: 1. CCE-Workshops for composition students, 2. Spielbar for amateurs and 3. Concerts.

The composer collider workshops are an ideal forum for young composers to articulate their musical goals, and to explore new boundaries in instrumental technique.

They also serve as a musical laboratory where young composers can experiment, collaborate and communicate with the Musikfabrik musicians and each other.

The young composers are paving the way for an international career by building networks and experiencing exemplary performances and recordings. The compositions will all be performed during a final tour in all of the participating countries.

Spielbar is an innovative and playful artistic lab. Audience members are encouraged to participate in contemporary music making, under the direction of the young composers. There are no barriers to participating at Spielbar. Any person, whether disabled, old or young, is invited to become a part of this innovative compositional process utilising his/her individual skills, which do not have to be of a musical nature. All the works that are used in these sessions have a very open conception, and give the participants the possibility to be creative and to become deeply involved in the process of compositional development. The young composers are faced with the challenge of being composer, director and musician at the same time.


The project was conceived as a pilot project and could be continued in other European countries. The project Composer Collider Europe has the potential to create several bridges in the European contemporary composition music sector, using the knowledge of well-known European universities, professors, students, interested non-professionals and Ensemble Musikfabrik. There are 58 workshop rehearsals and 6 concerts to develop and present the compositions. There will be a further 10 public Spielbar workshops.

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ULYSSES Network

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WHO WE ARE

The ULYSSES network gathers 13 European partners involved in the support and promotion of young artists. These institutions (academies, summer schools, support programmes connected with ensembles or festivals) play a fundamental role in recognizing, accompanying, professionalizing, and developing the careers of young European composers and performers, some for longer than 20 years.



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History of our network

The project began with Ulysses in 2012-2016, which succeeded in: building a solid network of partners who work well together; developing an awareness of the rich, contrasting and complementary aspects that each partner has to offer the network; creating a solid database of young artists and their works; creating and stimulating an active population of artists, organisations and music professionals; creating the prototype of the online Ulysses Platform focused on competition calls.

Ulysses 2016-2020 built on the previous edition by: placing more emphasis on performers; implementing more clearly the Ulysses Journeys and Ensemble paradigm; adding a community feature to the Ulysses Platform; testing the first cross-partner collaborative projects.

The Ulysses project is now in its third edition - Ulysses 2020-2024 - where cross-partner collaborative projects with a social aspect will be given even more importance and where all activities will put an emphasis on shared methodologies

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 13

Name of partners (including project leader):

IRCAM - Divertimento Ensemble - Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir - Flagey - Gaudeamus Muziekweek - impuls - International Ensemble Modern Academy (IEMA) - Internationales Musikinstitut Darmstadt (IMD) - HfMT Hamburg - Royaumont Foundation - Snape Maltings - Time of Music - Ultima

OUR PROJECT

The ULYSSES Network was originally inspired by an illustrious generation of 18th century artists who wandered all across Europe, visiting the greatest masters' workshops at each stop along the way, in order to improve and to finesse their skills. Following the steps of the Homeric hero, their odyssey was an initiatory journey, paving the way for future generations of young European artists.

Europe's singularity is characterized by the rich diversity of artistic situations and sociological contexts. The ULYSSES "journeys" aim to exploit this singularity to the fullest. ULYSSES holds that this is the only really modern approach to education.

In this spirit, it is the goal of the ULYSSES project to propose and construct a variety of "journeys" that target particular needs and offer unique opportunities to young artists. Composers, performers, and ensembles will all be able to undertake journeys providing them with rich and diverse experiences not offered elsewhere.

ULYSSES aims to give the journey a more metaphorical meaning as well:

Firstly, the journey metaphor applies to the "professional journey" that young talents must undertake in order to become mature artists. ULYSSES proposes "paths" that will enable young artists to find their way from the academies, through the journeys that will ultimately put them in a position to be offered commissions for creating new works, thus serving as a "launching pad" for their careers.

Secondly, the journey metaphor applies to potential young artists where the goal is to propose a "journey" that will take them from the discovery of new art forms to a stage where they can become creative themselves in a variety of projects fitted to their needs. They will be able to discover a musical work and "remake" it using innovative technologies available on portable devices.

Thirdly, the journey metaphor is applied to audience building. Audiences of all ages will be offered activities that will take them from a first encounter with an artist (or a work) to a deeper understanding through activities that place the artist's work in a wider context and offer first-hand experiences of the creative process.

Lastly, the journey metaphor will be deployed in the virtual world of the online ULYSSES Platform by enabling music professionals (artists curators, artistic directors etc.) and amateurs to follow the evolution and accomplishments of our young artists and appreciate the added value of the ULYSSES Network.

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WHO WE ARE

The consortium for the project QUANTUM MUSIC consisted of five full partners and two associate partners. The project leader was the Institute of Musicology of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA), with the following partners: New Art Centre (Belgrade, Serbia), Centre for the Promotion of Science (Belgrade, Serbia), The Danish National School of Performing Arts (Copenhagen, Denmark) and Kino Šiška Centre for Urban Culture (Ljubljana, Slovenia). Associate partners were: the University of Oxford, Department of Physics (Oxford, United Kingdom) and TodaysArt (The Hague, The Netherlands). Due to the interdisciplinary and highly innovative nature of the project, each partner organisation had a precisely defined role within the consortium, ranging from contemporary composition, production, recording, piano duo performance, ballet and acting, to quantum-mechanical research and the development of new musical instruments and new electronic sounds.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary art music, crossover, postminimalism, postavantgarde

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

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OUR PROJECT

The main goal of the QUANTUM MUSIC project was to explore possibilities for connecting contemporary music and quantum mechanics. In order to do so, the consortium conducted experiments with the aim of capturing the sounds of the quantum world. Moreover, the project involved the creation of a new hybrid (analogue-digital) quantum keyboard, including hardware (which converts analogue sounds into digital formats) and software (which transforms the sounds of the quantum world for artistic purposes, and translates some quantum phenomena into audible sounds). The next step was composing and arranging new musical compositions for the new quantum instruments and, finally, production and multiple performances of the Quantum Music show, which promoted the new works for the new instruments, and also incorporated a narrative about the levels of interaction between music and quantum mechanics. The artistic dissemination of the project also included recordings of the show and production of the first quantum music scores, as the first steps in the development of this new genre of contemporary music. Meanwhile, the scientific dissemination involved the organisation of the first Quantum Music conference and publication of articles in scientific journals. In this way, the project consortium deepened existing relationships between quantum physics and music, and established new ones. Thanks to the creation of the original portable MIDI piano converter, every classical piano now can become a hybrid (quantum) piano in just a few minutes. The team also created a bank of quantum sounds derived from the theoretical formulas and results of experiments in quantum physics labs, which is constantly expanding.

The project QUANTUM MUSIC attracted considerable attention wherever the Quantum Music Show was performed, which resulted in several TV shows and two documentary films. Another long-term goal of the project is to popularise quantum physics among the general population, with a focus on educational aspects of the project and the potential to further develop this part of the story and adapt it to audiences across different generations.

Aside from the seven organisations originally involved in the project (five full partners and two associate partners), one of the project outcomes was the cooperation and networking between prestigious institutions and individuals in the fields of science, arts and technology, with staff from the University of Aarhus and the National University of Singapore joining the project.

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MCSF

Moving Classics: Sonic Flux



WHO WE ARE

MCSF's partners are the UK creative production company Curated Place (the lead partner), along with the musical production company CultureTones in Cyprus, the creative production company and light festival makers Blekksprut1 from Norway, and the creative production entity Einkofi Production in Iceland.

All the partners have worked together in the past in one form or another, with Curated Place connecting with Blekksprut1 through light festival and other sonic/AV projects, including a collaborative initiative called deLUX. Curated Place also worked with CultureTones in MCLASS - a previous Creative Europe project. Curated Place and Einkofi Production have previously worked together on several artistic projects focusing on the Nordic countries, mainly on arts projects in the field of cultural heritage.

All partners have a common interest in the collaborative element of music, the visual creative process, and in creating new sonic pieces inspired by common historical events with the common theme of displacement.

OUR PROJECT

Building on the 2014-2016 Creative Europe project 'Moving Classics', our follow-up project Moving Classics: Sonic Flux (MCSF) is a new project that will creatively explore the condition of displacement through personal testimony, original music and AV/Film installations. It will connect musicians and AV/Film artists with displaced people to explore the stories of flux that have shaped modern European identity. The project will create six hybrid sonic and visual experiences, enabling musicians and artists from all corners of Europe to work with diverse ethnographers, visual storytellers and communities along with the project partners and their creative teams.

Starting with stories of internal displacement within countries, each new work created will zoom out to regional and transcontinental stories, highlighting displacement as a human condition rather than a national one.

The project aims to bring new voices into the creation of contemporary music and AV/Film (both experimental classical and electronica) by both representing the stories of displaced peoples and including them in the creative process. It aims to highlight the condition of displacement as one of circumstance not nationality, starting with stories of people displaced within their own countries then zooming out to focus on regional and transcontinental displacement.

Testimonial

"As partners in this project we are so excited to be working with a wide range of creative professionals in exploring new ways to give artists a chance to grow by working in creative collaborative groups. With music, film and academia working together, using history and personal experiences to inspire new works, this will give us a great opportunity to grow our reach from our little village on the south coast of Iceland, give us confidence, knowledge and broaden our network. With Covid massively impacting our project, the strong partnership has kept our motivation up and will be the absolute foundation of the project continuing post-Covid."

Agusta THORARINSDOTTIR, Director of Einkofi Productions, 13 May 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary / Experimental

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

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FOOTPRINTS

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WHO WE ARE

The Périoscope is a place dedicated to innovative music. As a concert hall, club, residence and rehearsal space and production office, its spaces invite all stages of artistic creation and promote proximity between musicians, audiences and professionals in the sector. Active in the field of jazz and improvised music, Périoscope aims to offer a spontaneous experience at the heart of hybrid musical aesthetics and the creative process of musicians.

OUR PROJECT

Footprints is a new collaborative project that aims to reform the music sector and introduce the values of social, economic and environmental responsibility to its activities.

Created on the initiative of Périoscope from Lyon (France) and Wytwornia Foundation from Lodz (Poland), Footprints is a direct continuation of the Jazz Connective project which was implemented by six European countries in 2018-2020. Footprints will introduce a series of activities aiming to help all those in the music sector to move around the European music market and to consolidate the European creative music community around the values we currently need more than ever.

Together with four experienced European partners - Bimhuis from Amsterdam, Druga Godba from Ljubljana, Austrian Music Export from Vienna and Oslo Jazz Festival from Oslo - the project plans to provide education, training and mentoring programmes for artists, agents and promoters.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music, Jazz

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

Rassemblement d'énergies pour la sauvegarde d'un espace artistique utopique (FR)
Musik Informationszentrum (AT)
Stichting Bimhuis (NL)
Stiftelsen Oslo Jazzfestival (FI)
Fundacja Wytwornia (PL)
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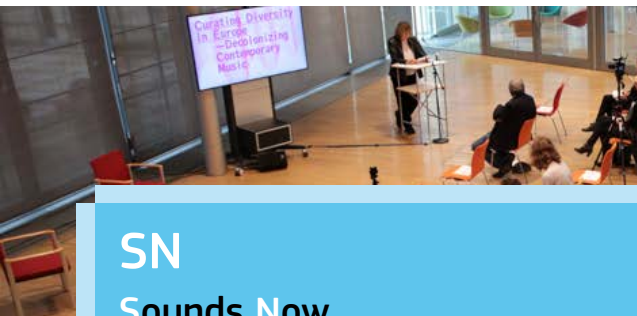
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Sounds Now



Sounds Now, Curating Diversity symposium © Stefanie Kulisch

WHO WE ARE

Sounds Now brings together nine European music festivals and cultural/music centres that are active in the promotion of contemporary music, experimental music and sound art. The partners were united through shared concerns and ambitions around diversity and inclusion within these fields. The festival-based formats of these organisations are relevant to the testing and experimentation inherent to Sounds Now, providing a freedom to apply and adapt these actions with ease.

The project is coordinated by Musica Impulse Centre for Music, a centre for music and sound art education and interaction based in Belgium, with partners Wilde Westen (BE), Transit Festival (BE), SPOR Festival (DK), Time of Music festival (FI), November Music (NL), Ultima (NO), hcmf// Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (UK) and Onassis Cultural Centre (GR). In addition, Sounds Now involves two associate partners in research, the University of Warsaw (PL) and University of Salzburg (AT).

Testimonials

"Having this platform with a new freeform of dialogues, new ways of listening to and engaging with each other, has proven to be a terrific positive initiative. Not only has it addressed the urgent need for a shift in our new music field, it also shed a light on what a possible collaboration can look like with a cross-continental team effort."

Du Yun, composer, performer, curator

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 9

Name of partners (including project leader):

Musica Impulscentrum voor Muziek – Belgium

Wilde Westen (BE), Transit Festival (BE), SPOR Festival (DK), Time of Music Festival (FI), November Music (NL), Ultima Oslo Contemporary Music Festival (NO), hcmf// Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (UK), Onassis Cultural Centre (GR)

OUR PROJECT

Sounds Now is a 4-year project presented by a consortium of nine European music festivals and cultural institutions that disseminate contemporary classical music, experimental music and sound art. In this project, we are concerned with the way in which the contemporary classical music and sound art worlds reproduce the same patterns of power and exclusion that are dominant at all levels of our societies, all the more so because these sectors are committed to promoting progressive agendas. Sounds Now consequently aims to stimulate diversity within this professional field by reflecting and challenging current curatorial practices. Activities are directed at bringing new voices, perspectives and backgrounds into contemporary music festivals. The project centres on three pillars of diversity — gender/gender identity, ethnic and socio-economic background. For the purposes of achieving a sustainable impact, the joint activities of the partners will implement a range of activities that address the issue of diversity from all sides. Through its actions, Sounds Now seeks to open up the possibility for different experiences, conditions and perspectives to be defining forces in shaping the sonic art that reaches audiences today.



Sounds Now, Eating a Man © Marc Fluri

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MoSaIC

Music for Sound Integration in the Creative sector

WHO WE ARE

MoSaIC involves four partners working actively in promoting music and culture, geographically distributed in order to cover the entire European territory. Ensemble Amadeus (Italy), project leader, is a symphonic choir and orchestra comprising more than 50 instrumentalists and 70 choristers, and has performed over 900 concerts, from baroque to contemporary music.

Koor&Stem is a non-profit organisation. Its professionals support choirs, orchestras and conductors, promote fresh perspectives on the future of choral life, and create learning opportunities and performance prospects.

Swinging Europe (Denmark) is a non-profit institution that creates and facilitates artistic and cultural projects and activities through art, music and talent development.

Fundatia Culturala Sound (Romania) is a non-profit entity that promotes Romanian cultural identity, stimulates creativity within society, and uses music and art as tools to increase self-awareness and develop communication skills.

Testimonials

"MoSaIC is the image of the spirit of Europe, aware of the challenges of the third millennium. Where knowledge, integration, ability to change and respect for the rules are just some of the keywords."

Marco RAIMONDI, MoSaIC Leader, Nov.2018

"MoSaIC is the expression of musicians who know how to integrate music with the love for their origins and the need to evolve and progress."

Carlo MASSIRONI, Governor of District 101b Lions International, Gen.2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: All genres of music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Ensemble Amadeus (Italy), project leader

Koor&Stem (Belgium)

Swinging Europe (Denmark)

Fundatia Culturala Sound (Romania)

OUR PROJECT

MoSaIC Project aims to support the integration of European culture through a musical path of knowledge and collaboration with European musicians, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers that will give everyone the chance to share community stories, traditions and musical skills. It promotes a path of shared growth that aims to explore various music genres, from classical to modern music, from pop to jazz, from jazz to choral and instrumental music, thereby creating the basis for new sound paths.


Music represents the vital core of all project activities. It is a universal language that goes beyond cultural boundaries, and is the tool that allows everyone to express their personal and cultural heritage in a context of common European belonging.

The whole community is involved, in particular schools of all levels, in which children, tomorrow citizens, will be directly engaged in learning a musical language that comes from different human stories, that share the values of a united Europe, for whose anthem they'll be invited to compose the text, using the notes of Beethoven.

Educational paths, concerts, didactic laboratories and public events will culminate in the first edition of the World Music Festival in Milan in 2020. Here, musicians coming from across Europe and the rest of the world will present their life experiences, forming a melting pot of musical genres, sound contaminations and integration, in an inclusive European cultural environment.

From a cultural point of view, the project aims to promote the artistic/creative expression of young European musicians and encourage immigrants in the co-creation and dissemination of musical products and events for the public. The image of an immigrant who knows how to integrate in Europe, bringing his or her own contribution for common growth, is of great social relevance. Reflecting on one's traditions and origins, together with an in-depth study of themes such as discrimination and prejudice towards diversity, will help to create a new and shared European cultural and musical heritage in which everyone can recognise themselves. Last but not least, from a professional point of view, the project intends to strengthen the abilities of cultural operators, music teachers and artistic directors to cooperate in a multicultural and transnational context, and to improve training and teaching methodologies for young musicians in the field of classical and contemporary music.

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IME

Introspection Music Experience

WHO WE ARE

The IME project consortium is composed of four organisations active in the fields of mental health, artistic creation and music education and performance.

INTRAS Foundation (Spain) and KSDEO EDRA (Greece) are non-profit organisations aiming to improve the quality of life of people with psychiatric vulnerabilities. The organisations have a holistic approach focused on prevention, recovery and integration of their clients. They provide a wide range of services such as housing, psychosocial rehabilitation, vocational training, employment, arts and sports.

KAOS (Belgium) brings art and psychiatry together. They engage artists in their art residence project at a housing facility for persons with psychiatric vulnerabilities. With their work, they seek to help destigmatise mental illness.

Raw Material (UK) is a charity that serves the local community by offering access to music, media, and artistic resources. They provide inclusive and targeted music programs to disadvantaged children, young people and people affected by mental health issues.



Intro Music Week © IME

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Blend of different genres (pop, rock, rap)

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Fundación INTRAS (Lead partner)
KINONIKES SINETERISTIKES DRASTIRIOTITES EFPATHON
OMADON (EDRA)
KunstAtelier OpperStraat (KAOS)
Raw Material Music and Media



Workshop IME Intras Foundation © IME

OUR PROJECT

Introspection Music Experience (IME) is a 3-year long project that brings together musicians and composers with and without psychiatric vulnerabilities from Belgium, the UK, Greece and Spain. During this project, more than ten solo artists and bands will collaborate with composers with experience of mental health challenges in order to create music together and raise audience awareness of real experiences of mental ill health.

People experiencing mental conditions often have no access to the music sector in order to tell their stories, and the music sector does not have access to the experiences, stories and inner worlds of people who have experienced mental ill health. The result is visible in unrealistic songs using a romanticised concept of madness, which fails to reflect the diversity of real experience. IME project seeks to change this situation by promoting the opening of the music sector to include persons with mental health challenges in the creation process.

IME creates a space for diverse communities to get to know each other, initiate dialogue, share experiences, and produce bold and authentic artistic expressions to share with the wider world. The IME team uses music as a vehicle to talk about the reality of living with mental ill health from a first-hand perspective, and thus contributes to the elimination of the persisting stigma towards mental illness and people living with it.

The musicians with and without psychiatric vulnerabilities from four European countries will co-create a music album, composed of 16 singles.

The album will be available online on IME Playlist Curation Platform and will be promoted through local concerts in Athens, Brussels, London and Valladolid, as well as through the international tour with participation of all the musicians collaborating in the project. Additionally, a documentary film illustrating the process of creating the final products of the project will be created and promoted online, together with an e-book providing other organizations with information needed to replicate the project or adapt its methodology to other target groups' needs.

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MF

MusicaFemina – Women made music

WHO WE ARE

Musica Femina International is a consortium of three partner organisations: maezenatentum.at (Austria), Gryllus KFT (Hungary) and City of Women (Slovenia). Certain project activities are being developed also in Germany together with Heroines of Sound (Berlin) and Archive Women and Music (Frankfurt am Main). Partners, collaborators and artists are working on gender equality in producing, performing and exhibiting music by female composers.

As project leader, the foundation maezenatentum.at fosters strategic projects in science and arts, and carries out publishing and production activities such as organisation of exhibitions, concerts and symposiums. Gryllus is a record label, publisher and organiser of four annual festivals in the field of contemporary music, world music and sung poetry. City of Women is a producer of artistic, cultural, feminist and educational events and the organiser of an annual multidisciplinary festival dedicated to the promotion of women in culture.

Testimonial

"We believe in the power of female music to raise issues as pacifism, common good economy, gender balance and climate change and we are aware that female composers are dealing with those topics, hereby contributing to a peaceful world. We strongly support European measures and programmes aiming at a gender balanced music scene. The MusicaFemina exhibition in Schönbrunn I was invited to open showed the demand to deal with female composers' music on all artistic levels."

Dr. Helga RABL-STADLER, president of Salzburger Festspiele

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary music, traditional music, electronic, pop, chamber music, classical music, singer-songwriter, film music, opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Gryllus KFT (Hungary)
City of Women (Slovenia)
Maezenatentum (Austria)



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OUR PROJECT

The two-year cooperation project aims to raise awareness about gender-balance in the music scene, highlight the creativity of female composers, facilitate new creations and support the transnational mobility of female artists: composers, performers, authors, poets of our time and of our cultural heritage. Additionally, the project proposes discursive programs on music theory and musicology and stimulates structural changes in regard to equality in the music industry.

The project started with the exhibition MusicaFemina – From Shadow to Light in Vienna. Through a historical and thematic perspective it highlighted the substantial contribution women have made to the field of composition. Focusing on Austrian female composers, the exhibition also included great international composers, as well as a public programme of concerts, performances and lectures. Since closing in Vienna, the exhibition has been readapted for touring in different contexts, from festivals to galleries, and has been developed through a series of music and poem portraits from selected composers. During summer 2019 the exhibition Composers was shown in Bregenz and Berlin.

In Ljubljana, the project takes the form of events at the International Festival of Contemporary Arts – City of Women. It included a public tribune on the position of female music artists in Slovenia and a new commission by young local composers, a series of concerts by international musicians, a listening room of all musicians that performed at the festival since 1995, and an exchange of good practices on gender-equality with other festivals in the region. Additionally, new commissions for local composers, a concert programme and an installation co-curated by partners will be proposed together with an international conference on Feminism in Sonic Arts.

The Hungarian partners commissioned new works from Hungarian composers and selected young international composers via an open call to perform at their four different festivals throughout the country (Transparent Sound New Music Festival, Kalaka Festival, Valley of Arts Festival and Old-Church festival). A documentary movie, show reels and a selection of audio recordings will accompany this process. A closing symposium and workshop connecting academia with practice will be held in Budapest in order to provide a public forum for discussion and exchange.

An important part of the project is also the collaboration with two German organisations. The International Festival Heroines of Sound from Berlin connected the project partners with existing networks and The Archive Women and Music (Archiv Frau und Musik) from Frankfurt am Main, offering participation in panels, lectures and the final publication.

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Soundroutes

Notes to get closer



© Duo Mahmud and Wair house concerts in Sevilla - Caterina Amicucci

WHO WE ARE

The consortium was led by Marmaduke, a music agency based in Seville (Spain) that specialises in jazz and swing music. Cooperation took place with the Italian NGO Un Ponte Per... (Italy) which works with refugees in the Middle East and Italy, the Association Bologna in Musica which promotes and organises of the Bologna Jazz Festival - one of the major Italian jazz events - the Werkstatt Der Kulturen, which is a focal point for the world and transcultural music in Berlin (Germany), and the association De Vergunning in Ghent (Belgium) which manages the cultural and artistic centre De Koer.



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Testimonial

"The Soundroutes sessions I took part in were joyful experiences; each time I played with musicians of different musical genres. Some music was completely new for some of us but in the end it was always a great and interesting result. One aspect was totally clear to me: the beauty that music can bring on both an artistic and a social level. Through music real bridges can be built!"

Shalan ALHAMWY, violinist, Syrian refugee in Belgium

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Marmaduke (Leader, Spain)

Un Ponte Per (Italy)

Werkstatt Der Kulturen (Germany)

Associazione Bologna in Musica (Italy)

De Vergunning (Belgium)

OUR PROJECT

The SoundRoutes initiative provided an opportunity for international musicians who had fled their countries and reached Europe to perform with local communities and in collaboration with local artists. Several musical concepts were designed with the objective of supporting their integration into the social and professional environment of the host community.

House Concerts, organised in private, intimate spaces, and in cooperation with people from local communities, offered these musicians great opportunities to socialise, exchange and share their art, stories and cultural traditions, no matter their level of musical skill. These are particularly powerful performances, which help create an emotional community, shaping special relationships among participants and catering for an audience different from those attending mainstream commercial venues.

Jam Sessions addressed semi-professional and professional musicians. The sessions involved both migrant and local musicians, providing opportunities for integration in a creative community. Jam sessions were organised in close cooperation with a wide range of institutions such as associations, civic centres, cultural centres, youth centres, art centres, and music festivals.

The project also produced an original work of music. A professional music ensemble, the Soundroutes Band, which included both refugees and European musicians, was selected at European level. Through two music residencies, and under the artistic direction of Guglielmo Pagnozzi, it created an original repertoire mixing Arabic and African rhythms. The repertoire was performed in major venues to audiences in Berlin, Bologna and Seville in the autumn of 2018.

The SoundRoutes venture also offers these international musicians the chance to promote their music on the soundroutes.eu website. At the same time project partners will promote the artists and their projects among music agencies and institutions all over Europe.

Finally the project produced the documentary "Shadow music" by Berber Verpoest. Where musicians speak of the mental and physical obstacles they had to overcome, first in fleeing their home countries, and then in building a new life in Belgium.

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The Sound Routes

ORPHEUS XXI

Music for life and dignity



WHO WE ARE

Launched at the initiative of Jordi Savall as a part of his artistic residency at La Saline royale, the Orpheus XXI project is a response to the global issue of welcoming refugees in Europe. Two cultural institutions (Foundation CIMA (ES) and Saline royale (FR)) and two organisations supporting the integration of migrants (Coop'Agir (FR) and ICORN (NO)) have created the "Orpheus XXI – Music for life and dignity" project together, in order to promote the integration of professional refugee musicians and the transmission of their culture to children and teenagers who have been uprooted.



Testimonial

"This is a music which is etched in the memory of these musicians, who are all like a living library of their musical cultures. It's thanks to their talent, to their artistic ability, that this music remains alive. That's why it's important to convey this to the children who were uprooted from their culture and who will now be able, thanks to these musicians, to trace back their sources and origin."

Jordi SAVALL, Artistic director of ORPHEUS XXI, June 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music of oral tradition

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Saline royale (Arc-et-Senans, FR) (lead partner)
The Foundation Centre Internacional de Música Antiga (CIMA) Bellaterra, (ES)
Coop'Agir (Dole, FR)
ICORN (Stavanger, NO)

OUR PROJECT

The Orpheus XXI – Music for life and dignity project was funded with the support of the Creative Europe Programme in September 2016. The main objectives of the project are the integration of musicians, the preservation of an ancestral musical heritage and its transmission to future generations. First of all, it is a question of giving refugee musicians the opportunity to rediscover the music and traditional music of their own country, and then to share this as widely as possible. Sharing their music with Europeans is a chance for local communities to discover and understand the refugee populations, and provides refugee musicians opportunities for professional, social and family integration. The second objective is to allow refugee children to express themselves and communicate through music with people who do not speak their native language and who have other cultural references; to make them aware that music is a vector in understanding their past, and for respecting differences between peoples beyond the wars and exile they have experienced.

In this context, from November 2016 to October 2018 in France, Germany, Norway and Spain, twenty or so refugee musicians taught music to around one hundred refugee and European youths and children through interventions, workshops and concerts. For over one year they worked together on a repertoire of oral music traditions, as well as vocal and/or instrumental music, from their countries of origin. The result of their work was presented to the public during a European tour which began in summer 2017.

After taking part in several workshops given by Jordi Savall's team, the refugee musicians began, in July 2017, giving their first lessons to children and young people from every nationality, aged 9 to 25 years. These lessons took place in conservatories, schools and social structures that host refugees. They are an opportunity to discover and pass on knowledge, culture and history.

During the workshops, ties were formed between musicians and young people. For some, it allowed them to rediscover their original language and culture. The workshops focused on the love that these uprooted children have for their past history and culture, and was the chance for them to become reunited with them. The workshops also showed the interest that European children can have for non-European songs, sounds, melodies and rhythms, which are often very different to their immediate cultural environment. They demonstrate, if ever there was a need, the universality of musical language.

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Keychange

Transforming the future of music

WHO WE ARE

Keychange consists of partners collaborating from 12 different countries, working proactively to totally restructure the music industry and reach full gender equality. The movement is led by Reeperbahn Festival (represented by Inferno Events) in Germany, PRS Foundation in the UK and Musikcentrum Öst in Sweden. These partners share the administration and management of the project, making sure to embed a cooperative, international and diverse approach at the very core of the movement.

To support individual artists and innovators in 12 countries, as well as to deliver quality events and programmes, Keychange works in partnership with Tallinn Music Week, Iceland Airwaves, BIME, Oslo World, Linecheck/Music Innovation Hub, Ireland Music Week, SACEM, MaMA Festival & Convention, Liverpool Sound City, Way Out West, ENEA Spring Break, Mutek Montréal, and Breakout West. The partners co-design all local and national activities, recruit high-profile ambassadors and support Keychange talent in their countries. These organisations are indispensable to Keychange's mission to be a global movement for change in the music industry.

Testimonial

"Today many people are demanding gender equality in the music industry. With Keychange, we have laid an important foundation since 2017. Keychange is an initiative that not only demands, but also sets concrete goals and supports organisations in achieving them. Together with a strong network of partners and supporters, the global movement is breaking down barriers for women and gender minorities to work towards diversity, because gender equality is an important step towards a sustainable music landscape. We look forward to empowering more individuals and organisations to bring about industry-wide change"

Merle BREMER (Project Lead Keychange)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Multi genre: Pop, Rock, World, Jazz Electronic, Hip Hop, RnB.

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 10

Name of partners (including project leader):

Inferno Events GMBH KG & CO (DE), PRS Foundation (UK), Musikcentrum Öst (SE), First Music Contact - Ireland Music Week (IE), Iceland Airwaves (IS), Lastur Bookin - BIME Festival (ES), Music Innovation Hub - Linecheck Festival (IT), Shiftworks - Tallinn Music Week (EE), Societe des Auteurs Compositeurs et Editeurs de Musique SACEM (FR), Oslo World Music Festival (NO)

OUR PROJECT

Keychange aims to accelerate change and create a better, more inclusive music industry for present and future generations. We do this via a career development programme for underrepresented talent, a gender balance pledge for music organisations and a manifesto that influences policy.

Keychange works on all levels to counter gender imbalance:

- On an individual level, an extensive programme of career development for women and gender minority artists and industry innovators, supporting all participants' progress to the main stages and leading positions in the industry. In 2024, more than 270 artists and innovators will have completed the programme.
- On an industry level, Keychange offers a pledge for festivals, music organisations and companies to achieve gender balance by 2022. More than 475 festivals and music companies have already signed the pledge.
- On a political level, Keychange is working on a second manifesto for change to be presented to European institutions in the final year of the project.

WHY WAS A CONTINUATION NEEDED IN TERMS OF CONTENT?

We look forward to seeing the early initiative reach full effect, and we believe that the difference of a network of 274 participants instead of 60 will have a tangible impact on the wider industry.

An area that will particularly benefit from the long-term strategy is the network of pledging music festivals and organisations. We will soon pass 500 Keychange pledge signatories globally, creating a platform where they can meet and exchange ideas, collaborate etc. This will have a long-lasting impact in terms of the sustainability and solidity of the implementation of Keychange's core values


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MEWEM EUROPA

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WHO WE ARE

MEWEM EUROPA is a project led by la Fédération Nationale des Labels Indépendants - FELIN, based in France (Bordeaux), which brings together French (le LABA), German (VUT - Verband unabhängiger Musikunternehmer*innen e.V.), Belgian (WBI - Wallonie-Bruxelles International), Austrian (MICA - Music Austria), Romanian (Raw Music) and Spanish (MIM - Mujeres de la Industria de la Música) partners, to help tackle the problem of professional inequalities between women and men in the cultural and creative industries.

All specialists in the music industry, the partners will each organise mentoring programmes in their respective countries to encourage women in the industry to become more entrepreneurial.

OUR PROJECT

The MEWEM EUROPA project manages and leads a mentoring programme on a European scale, aimed at promoting women's access to management positions and entrepreneurship as well as at developing the managerial skills of women and young professionals in the music industry. This project follows an experimental project, led by FELIN, VUT and le LABA in France and Germany, and is funded by the European Union as part of Music Moves Europe.

To this end, the partners develop a training model based on mentoring, adapted to the music sector and with a European dimension. Mentoring connects a young designer with an experienced professional, entrepreneur or leader, who accompanies her for a fixed period of time. The example of the role model is a key factor for success. The mentor transfers her experience and 'hot knowledge' to strengthen the mentee's position and make her company sustainable. At the same time, the objective is to strengthen a network of music professionals, enhance the value of those who enter the business and support those who wish to enter the business. Mentoring is a powerful lever for empowerment.

Testimonial

"MEWEM has given me the opportunity to meet many inspiring women in the music business. It gives me confidence and the desire to go further in my career."

Hélène LARROUTOU (MEWEM France Coordinator and Miao Records Director)



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

National Federation of Independent Labels & Distributors – FELIN (France), Le LABA (France), Association of Independent Musicians and Music Companies – VUT (Germany), Wallonia-Brussels International – WBI (Belgium), Asociația Romanian artists worldwide – RAW MUSIC (Romania), Mujeres de la industria de la música – MIM (Spain), Music Information Center Austria – MICA (Austria)

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SMA!

Small Festival Accelerator

SMA! © Roberto Panucci

WHO WE ARE

- Associazione Glenn Gould has been active for over 20 years in Sicily, promoting public cultural initiatives, mainly musical, with a strong international dimension, amongst others Ypsigrock Festival. The association supports projects for territorial infrastructural enhancement, accessibility and social inclusion.
- Password Production has over 20 years of experience in music entertainment, event management, and booking. Password has organised the largest festivals in North Macedonia, such as the Taksirat, D Festival, Green Beach, and PIN Music Conference.
- Raum 3 has promoted Haldern Pop Festival since 1984 in Rees, Germany and Kaltern Pop Festival, which takes place in Caldaro, South Tyrol (Italy), and also runs a label and booking agency.
- Music Estonia is a music industry development centre and export office in Estonia. Music Estonia is the conference partner of Tallinn Music Week and also develops cross-sector collaborations, organising seminars and workshops and participating in international projects.
- MeltingPro is a dynamic cultural enterprise in Rome, which sees the potential to transform society through art and creativity in new ways of promoting cultural participation and adopting creative approaches.
- Turismo Vivencial is a travel and hospitality agency based in Spain and operating all over Europe, specialised in creating unique experiences through thematic itineraries that allow tourists to experience a total immersion in the culture and traditions of the local community.

OUR PROJECT

The SMA! project is an accelerator supporting small boutique festivals and is co-financed by Creative Europe, the European Commission's framework programme for supporting the culture and audiovisual sectors. The objective for the coming years is to define a sustainable cross-border development model. Through strategies of diversification and the improvement of both management and relationships with stakeholders, the aim is to achieve greater competitiveness and attractiveness within the international circuits of the organisation of musical and cultural events. The project also aims to foster the creation of sustainable infrastructures in the field of creative economies in peripheral areas of the continent, supporting the economic and social growth of local and regional communities. As such, SMA! has the ambitious aim of defining and implementing a business model which can tackle the common problems and provide a feasible guideline to be followed by other festivals. Within this general objective, more specific objectives will be addressed:

- Implementation of a community development strategy, in order to improve and empower the identity of the festival.
- Training of the personnel, specially of the coordinators, the people who work actively in the festival coordination, but often volunteering and without proper professional training.
- Mobility and circulation of organisers and sub-coordinators in order to learn how other festivals face common problems.
- Improve the economical sustainability of the events by distributing the activities throughout the year and diversifying the incomes.
- Improve the ecological sustainability of the events by reducing their impact on the local environment, minimising the use of resources and production of waste and strengthening the local audience presence.
- Improve the accessibility of the festivals by establishing local and international networks in order to develop the necessary infrastructure.
- Improve transnational cooperation, establishing connections with other festivals outside of the local borders and promoting the business mode.

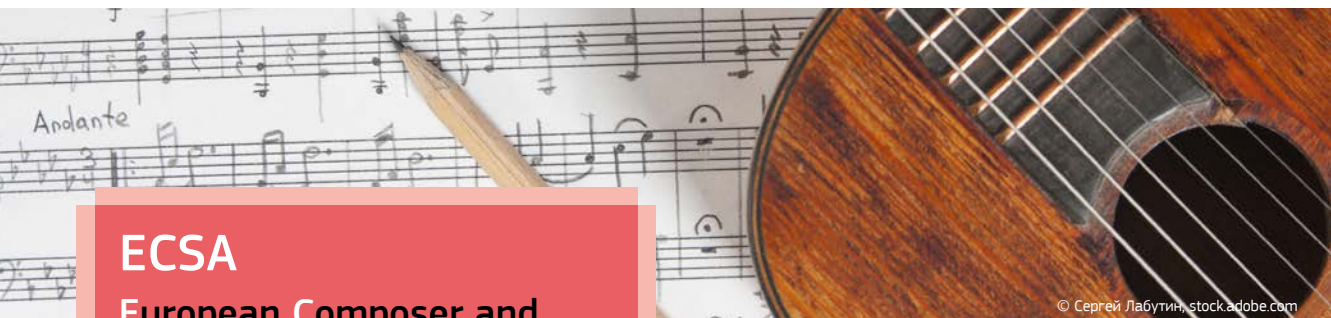
GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Small Festivals (any kind of music)
Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7
Name of partners (including project leader):
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ECSA

European Composer and Songwriter Alliance

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WHO WE ARE

The ECSA is a network of over 30 000 songwriters and composers in Europe that speaks on behalf of creators of art and classical, popular and audiovisual music. The network's core mission is to defend and promote the rights of music authors with the objective of improving their social and economic conditions.

ECSA also acts as the 'authors' voice' on copyright policies in the music industry and promotes legislation for fairer pay and a more sustainable, diverse music ecosystem. The network works closely with like-minded organisations and has established partnerships with music creator groups in North-America, Africa, Asia and South America.

OUR PROJECT

Our public events include the Creators Conference, a unique moment of artistic and professional exchanges which enables music creators to share their experiences with their European peers and high-level policy makers. Each year, we also organise the European Film Music Day in Cannes, which features different experts coming from all over Europe and beyond, addressing key issues for audiovisual composers.

In addition, ECSA's activities also include projects supporting the transnational mobility of authors and the circulation of diverse European musical works. The European Contemporary Composers Orchestra, for instance, is dedicated to performing and promoting contemporary art music and reaching new audiences. It operates as a network of active ensembles, orchestras and young professionals, supporting a creative dialogue between composers and performers.

The Capacity Triangle consists of workshops specifically tailored to the needs of creators with the goal of strengthening their entrepreneurial and digital capacities. Last but not least, the "Camille Awards" provide the opportunity to celebrate and reward composers of exceptional film music.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music, performing arts, music industry and EU affairs

Date of creation: 4 March 2007, Madrid

Nº. and type of members:

59 Member organisations

30 000 individual composers and songwriters

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ECA-EC

European Choral Association - Europa Cantat

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WHO WE ARE

ECA-EC is a network of organisations, choirs and individuals in the field of collective singing in Europe. Through its membership, it directly represents more than 2.5 million singers, conductors, composers and managers in over 40 European countries and reaches out to more than 37 million people in continental Europe who are active in the field of collective singing.

The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat is the result of a merger between two European choral associations in 2011.

Since 1955, the association's aims have been to foster cooperation and mutual understanding between cultures, nations and individuals across social and political borders, to promote collective singing as a tool for education and community building, and to represent the interests of the singing community.

Testimonial

"It (collective singing) has a strong power, it creates nearness and confidence. People are often separated and live in competition with each other. Therefore it is extremely important to sing in a group."

Nena, German singer, when asked what is special about collective singing. General-Anzeiger, Matthias Hendorf, 30/1/16.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Collective Singing

Date of creation: 1960 (informally) and 1963 (formally)/2011 (merger of 2 associations)

Nº. and type of members:

Over 60 national and regional organisations in 30 European countries plus Israel (choir associations, conductors' associations and others dealing with collective singing / choral music), as well as several hundred choirs (mostly amateur choirs, a few professional choirs), individuals and family members (conductors, composers, singers and managers).

OUR PROJECT

The project "Upgrade – Connect – Reach out: Raising Awareness for Collective Singing in Europe" was built on the 2014-2017 strategy with the following 5 strategic objectives: strengthen the network / facilitate peer-to-peer approach / invest in capacity-building and training / reach out / raise awareness.

Developed in cooperation with members, the project aims at strengthening the network and its membership, connecting to other players in the field of collective singing as well as reaching out to people who do not sing (yet) and promoting the value of European cooperation.

Concretely the association will offer capacity building, develop new (digital) tools, support the internationalisation of activities, involve more (professional) individuals, increase cooperation within and outside the sector and enlarge the geographical scope of the network. The project will also include a campaign on the benefits of singing based on research.



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EJN

Europe Jazz Network

WHO WE ARE

The Europe Jazz Network (EJN) was created in 1987 as a Europe-wide association of promoters specialising in creative music, contemporary jazz and improvised music. Currently the EJN includes 120 member organisations (festivals, clubs and concert venues, independent promoters, national and regional support organisations) in 35 countries.

The EJN exists to support the identity and diversity of jazz in Europe and to broaden awareness of this area of music for culture and education. It aims to increase the exchange of knowledge and experience between professionals in the jazz sector and to encourage the development of international exchanges, special projects, and collaborations between producers and artists both within and outside Europe.

Testimonial

"The EJN provides an exemplary model of the power of creative networks, of the commitment of organisations and individuals to work creatively to address common problems and jazz's ability to stimulate conversations and encourage innovation in everyday life."

Professor Tony WHYTON, Birmingham City University

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Creative music, jazz and improvised music

Date of creation: 1987

Nº. and type of members: 120

120 members from 35 countries (October 2017), festivals, clubs, venues, national and regional support organisations.

OUR PROJECT

The main objectives of the EJN are to act as a hub for artistic collaborations between cultural players, reach out to new audiences (in particular youngsters and marginalised communities), advocate for the sector, empower professionals, craft new tools for today's cultural players (including new digital approaches), and to lead by example, particularly in identifying new models of working with communities and encouraging debate around gender balance and other forms of discrimination through resources, training and the adoption of a manifesto.

The EJN's main activities will include the annual European Jazz Conference, the EJN Awards for Adventurous Programming and Social Inclusion, the organisation of Artistic Exchange Platform meetings, the development of new digital tools and toolkits, seminars and workshops on social inclusion, gender balance and jazz for young people, research into mobility opportunities for artists, a Staff Exchange programme, and a mentoring programme for young artistic curators.



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IMZ

International Music and Media Centre

WHO WE ARE

The International Music and Media Centre (IMZ) is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the performing arts through audiovisual media. Founded under the aegis of UNESCO in 1961 it has since established the largest business network for the performing arts, film and cultural TV content industry worldwide. The network connects more than 150 member organisations active at the intersection of performing arts and media. Members include major European and international players like: BBC, ARTE, ZDF, NHK, Unitel, C Major, EuroArts, Metropolitan Opera New York, the Vienna State Opera, Berlin Phil and the London Symphony Orchestra.

The IMZ is committed to the business promotion of its members by connecting producers with co-producers, financiers, buyers or distributors; providing networking and pitching opportunities and by advancing the future of cultural film through young talent promotion and audience development.

Testimonial

"Linking the world's stages with audiovisual media does not only preserve performing arts and provide broad access to cultural content for everyone, the resulting music and dance films also constitute a distinct art form. It is hence our crucial mission to ensure the viability of this specialised sector."

Katharina JESCHKE, Secretary General

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Performing Arts in Audiovisual Media

Date of creation: 1961

Nº. and type of members: 150

150 Member Organisations including film production companies, public and private broadcasters, distributors, streaming and on demand platforms, music labels, performing arts organisations, festivals, educational institutions and creative entrepreneurs and artists.

OUR PROJECT

Market Access and Network

The IMZ hosts the Avant Première Music and Media Market Berlin, the annual trade fair for cultural TV content. It is the largest marketplace and B2B event for the performing arts in audiovisual media, connecting 550 international experts.

Professionalisation

While the IMZ Academy is an initiative to support young talent and foster knowledge transfer and peer learning, the pitching sessions connect potential partners and provide development opportunities for projects and ideas.

Audience Development

More than 260,000 visitors attended Music Film Festivals programmed by the IMZ in 2017 alone, of which 40% were self-reported newcomers to cultural performances. Since the festival and free admission encourage attendance, the IMZ will be expanding its programming activities.

Innovation

While innovation is embedded in all activities, the IMZ specifically engages in showcasing innovative technologies for the arts and spearheads working groups on platforms, copyrights and new business models.



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Live DMA

European Network for Music Venues and Festivals

WHO WE ARE

Live DMA is a European non-governmental network working to support and promote the conditions of the live music sector. Live DMA is by nature an international collaboration network based on shared visions and values. Since its foundation the exchange of best practices and experiences has been the pivot of the network's existence.

Music venues and festivals are one of the main providers for talent development in Europe. From local band support to renowned stages, these are the social places where people can meet and enjoy a large range of diverse artists. Venues and festivals have an important place in neighbourhoods in both rural and urban areas. They are open to diversity, have a strong impact on local economies, they increase the attractiveness of cities and they encourage a high level of volunteering.

Testimonial

"Live DMA is a fantastic place to share and gain knowledge, exchange ideas and get inspiration from fellow European colleagues. We have common challenges that we together are in a better position to solve."

Anders TANGEN, co-president

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Live DMA is active in the field of popular music (pop, rock, hip-hop, electro, jazz, world...) The network forms a collective voice that works on European challenges and aims to highlight the substantial cultural and social work of live music professionals.

Date of creation: October 2012

Nº. and type of members: 18

Live DMA now gathers 19 members in 15 countries, representing over 3000 live music venues, clubs and festivals.

OUR PROJECT

Live Style Europe (LSE) is a building capacity programme that aims to empower music venues and festivals, as well as regional and national live music umbrella associations by providing them with the skills and tools to adapt to the evolutions of the live music sector. The LSE strives to structure the live music sector and to enhance the visibility of music venues all over Europe.

In order to achieve its goals, Live DMA focuses on collaborative actions such as peer-to-peer learning, exchanges at the European level between its members and partners and on producing a communication strategy.

The 6 activities of the LSE include: building a resource platform about regulation and best practises, holding a seminar on methodology to help music venue associations across Europe, organising thematic working groups for members, data collection (The Survey), an Indie venues campaign and holding one event: the Open Club Day.



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EMC

European Music Council

WHO WE ARE

The European Music Council (EMC) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the development and promotion of all genres and types of music in Europe. It advocates access to music for all and for freedom of musical expression across Europe. As part of the International Music Council (IMC), the EMC strategies and actions are based on the 5 IMC music rights.

The EMC network comprises music organisations involved in the fields of music education, creation, performance, participation, production and heritage. As a membership organisation, it provides real value to its members through the analysis of policy developments and the formulation of policy statements, capacity building and knowledge exchange as well as networking opportunities within and beyond the music sector on an international platform.

Testimonial

"I have just seen your European Agenda for Music, a wonderful document, not only in its content but also in its presentation. It could be inspirational, I think (and hope), to Australian musical people."

Richard LETTS, former IMC President,
Director „Music Trust“, Australia

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music

Date of creation: 1972

Nº. and type of members: 75

- 75 direct members
- National music councils, European and international music networks, national/specialised organisations

OUR PROJECT

The EMC connects music organisations from various European countries and backgrounds with each other through its diverse communication tools (printed publications, newsletters, social media, website). The organisation also opens up to music networks and stakeholders which are not part of the EMC membership through its initiative the European Agenda for Music.

The EMC will also offer young cultural operators an insight into working at the European level via its fellowship programme. Through this the organisation hopes to promote good working relationships between partners which will lead to further European cooperation in the future.

The EMC will participate in music fairs, forums, workshops and meetings which will form the basis for its discussions with political institutions at the EU, national and local level.

The EMC workshops, webinars and conferences will tackle current challenges for the music sector and bring together up to 300 participants in a different European city each year. In September 2019, the EMC will celebrate the 6th World Forum on Music together with IMC's 70th Anniversary in Paris.



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REMA

Réseau Européen de Musique Ancienne - European Early Music Network

WHO WE ARE

REMA is the only representative network for early music in Europe. Its main aim is to act as a network for its members and to encourage the exchange of knowledge, information and co-operation in the field of early music. The network was created in Ambronay in 2000 and represents 86 active organisations across 20 European countries which each aim to promote and raise the profile of early music.

OUR PROJECT

REMA is engaged in the rediscovery and promotion of European musical heritage through the dissemination of ideas and research. The network intends to support the artistic development of member organisations and the early music sector throughout Europe in general, taking the geographical diversity of the field as a major asset. This support will facilitate the highest musical and artistic quality. REMA aims to shape the future of early music by stimulating cooperation between the various stakeholders and thereby help them to join voices. In order to reach these goals, REMA is promoting conferences for its members, the European Day of Early Music, the Early Music Award, a showcase for young artists, an online early music radio station and the European Early Music Summit in 2020.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Early Music

Date of creation: 2000

Nº. and type of members: 86

Type of members: festivals, concert halls, cultural centres.

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AEC

Association Européenne Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen

WHO WE ARE

AEC is a European cultural and educational network with around 300 member institutions offering professional music training in 57 countries. Its members play a crucial role in safeguarding, developing and promoting European cultural heritage and diversity, facilitating access to cultural education, and in creating new jobs in the cultural sector.

The network works for the advancement of higher education in the performing arts with a primary focus on music and aims at enhancing the quality in higher music education by promoting participation, inclusiveness and diversity; strengthening partnerships with stakeholders and fostering the value of music and music education in society.

AEC also acts as a think tank through projects, expert meetings and the production of publications, as a hub through the organisation of five annual events and various communication channels and as an advocate for the sector. It is the leading voice for higher music education in Europe.

Testimonial

"AEC is constantly innovating and reflecting on the future. I believe it is a fantastic opportunity to imagine the future together at the European level, to reflect, to understand how we can learn from each other in a spirit of great respect and open-mindedness."

Gretchen AMUSSEN, Conservatoire National de Musique et de Danse de Paris, France

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: (Higher Music) Education / Culture

Date of creation: 1953

Nº. and type of members: 290

AEC active members (254) are conservatoires, academies or universities of music, Musikhochschule or other equivalent institutions, mostly situated in the European Higher Education Area. AEC associate members (36) are either higher music education institutions outside Europe or other types of organisations having a connection to training for the music profession.

OUR PROJECT

Through its project "Strengthening Music in Society", AEC will focus on six strands:

1. Increasing the impact of music and of higher music education institutions in society;
2. Promoting diversity, identity and inclusiveness;
3. Further developing the entrepreneurial mind-set of musicians;
4. Further promoting internationalisation;
5. Shaping the musicians of tomorrow through innovative learning and teaching;
6. Improving teacher education in the digital age. This last strand will be fully coordinated by AEC's partner organization the European Music School Union (EMU).

The work in each strand will be carried out by a dedicated group of experts who will conduct surveys and research (e.g. on the integration of 'diverse cultures' in the training of musicians in Europe and on innovative practices in learning and teaching), develop online toolkits (e.g. an advocacy toolkit for AEC members), produce publications (e.g. a handbook on how to integrate entrepreneurship in music education training) and organise workshops and events (e.g. AEC 2020 Congress on Societal Impact and Audience Engagement).

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JMI

Jeunesses Musicales International

WHO WE ARE

The JMI is a global network of NGOs that provides opportunities for young people and children to develop through music across all boundaries. The network works for and with youth, on harnessing the power of music to bridge social, geographical styles and cultural divides and on creating an international platform for intercultural dialogue and acceptance.

The network was founded in Brussels in 1945 as an international NGO in order to bring young people together to overcome divisions created by the two World Wars. Today the JMI has 63 members in over 50 countries worldwide with 38,000 local activities outreaching to over 7 million young people.

Testimonial

"I really enjoyed my time at Ethno, it was an extremely valuable experience that we'll all remember for the rest of our lives. It let us discover not only the cultures and individualities of other musicians, but also something within ourselves. And every individual affected by open spirit and good values will eventually affect many others."

Polina DJUSEMBEYeva (participant)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music & Youth

Date of creation: 17 July 1945

N°. and type of members: 63

Type of members: local/national/international entities working with music and youth.

OUR PROJECT

The JMI aims to become an open, competitive and sustainable network based on learning with a platform that engages local organisations and with networks and operators that are actively contributing to the socio-economic and cultural development of society.

The JMI will focus on four long-term global objectives:

- Connect - expand geographically and horizontally;
- Empower - an open source platform for meeting, exchanging and learning;
- Awake - making people aware of the organisation's assets and the unique power of music;
- Sustain - providing new evidence based business models of engaging new programmes, new funding and new partnerships across sectors.

The network's activities will include: membership study visits, training and learning events, workshops and conferences, a staff exchange program, digital tools, awareness raising campaigns, monitoring and evaluation. Crosscutting issues will include: young audience development, migrant integration, cultural heritage and gender equality.



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Liveurope

The live music platform for new European talent

WHO WE ARE

Liveurope is the first pan-European initiative supporting concert venues in their effort to promote the circulation of emerging European artists.

Launched in 2014, the platform now gathers 15 critically-acclaimed concert venues in 15 European countries. Through its European quality label, Liveurope supports live music venues that are committed to European diversity in order to create lasting effects in terms of cross-border circulation of European repertoire.

Thanks to the funding provided by Creative Europe, Liveurope has established an incentive funding mechanism. It's a pragmatic and simple tool: the more young European artists our members book, the more money they receive.

In this perspective, the platform works as a collective safety net to encourage its members to take risks and book more acts outside their geographical comfort zone, and to unleash Europe's artistic potential.

Since its launch, Liveurope has supported over 2300 artists of more than 30 nationalities.

Testimonial

"Liveurope is showing the way forward in the cross-border circulation of emerging talent in Europe. At our own scale, it shows us the power of concert venues as vehicles to promote the added value of Europe in people's lives."

Dirk DE CLIPPELEIR, General Manager of Ancienne Belgique (BE)

"To be able to come and play in some of the best venues in Europe on my first album is amazing. If it wasn't for that support, you just wouldn't be able to do it."

Shura, Liveurope-supported artist (UK)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music

Date of creation: 2014

Nº. and type of members:

Liveurope gathers 15 live music venues which are considered as references on the European live music map

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

The artists must be based on the European continent, must have proven a dedication to an international music career, but may not have been professionally active for over 5 years.

Moreover, the artists in question must have published at most 3 albums but must have provided a valid demonstration of a professional entourage. To be eligible in the Liveurope mechanism, the artist in question must be from a country other than the one where the venue is established.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

Thanks to its financial bonus mechanism, Liveurope provides an incentive to its members to book more emerging European artists, regardless of their genre or music repertoire. In this sense, Liveurope showcases the greater diversity of the European music scene, highlighting its talents for audiences all over the continent.

In 5 short years, Liveurope has already increased by 63% the number of emerging European artists that are booked per venue compared to the pre-Liveurope era.



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CFE

Classical Futures Europe

WHO WE ARE

Classical Futures Europe provides grants to world-class concert halls to support the presentation and development of emerging international talent, to pioneer new approaches to concert presentation, and to support projects which actively engage and develop new audiences and community participation.

Together with our platform members we regularly review our funded projects, challenging and supporting each other to ensure that the Creative Europe investment leads to positive and sustainable change, offering high quality, engaging and accessible classical music in Europe.

Classical Futures Europe is managed by the European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO), a network enabling open exchange and shared reflection on the opportunities, developments and shared challenges central to the lives of concert halls in the 21st century.

Testimonial

"The training workshops provided by Classical Futures Europe left a big impression on our quartet. The workshops were not only inspiring, but also made us reflect on our wider responsibilities as musicians and challenged us to define our artistic goals. We are highly motivated to develop new projects we have in mind now and are grateful for the career advice and support received through this Creative Europe platform."

Raphael PARATORE, 'cello, Goldmund Quartet, Munich Germany

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music

Date of creation: 2017

Nº. and type of members:

13 concert hall platform members across 13 countries

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

Our definition:

- Up to 35 years old,
- Conservatoire graduate (or current student of musical higher education) and based in Europe,
- Proven solid career start at national level,
- Peer reviewed by the artistic programmers of the platform members to ensure artistic excellence and quality.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

CFE offers performance opportunities for our emerging artists in many of Europe's leading concert halls. CFE funded activities also integrate elements going beyond performance such as dedicated audience development work and education, learning and participation activities.

Classical Futures Europe also offers training opportunities to our supported artists to have the time and space to work on their wider professional development, exploring the artistic and social dimensions of their work with industry experts.



Armida Quartet, Wiener Konzerthaus © Igor Ripak

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Euro Strings

European Guitar Festivals Collaborative

WHO WE ARE

EuroStrings is the first European collaborative platform of classical guitar festivals founded by Zagreb Guitar Festival from Croatia in 2017. It is an ever expanding collaboration of 17 European Festivals with global partners in the US and Asia. EuroStrings fosters excellence in musicianship, outreach work within the community, networking and world class education for performers and presenters.

The platform's central activity is the EuroStrings exchange programme attended by EuroStrings Artists, winners of international competitions at guitar festivals which are EuroStrings platform members. Through the exchange programme, EuroStrings supports the circulation of emerging talents among the platform's guitar festivals, offering them the opportunity to perform at several EuroStrings festivals where they can reach international audiences and further educate themselves. Thus developing new skills and knowledge necessary for pursuing an international career and accessing new markets. EuroStrings also offers annual scholarships to talented guitar players of lower income, organises an annual composition contest for classical guitar and seminars for professionals in the classical music festivals sector.

Testimonial

"As a young player, If I had been part of the EuroStrings platform, I am sure it would have accelerated the development of my career, so I feel that this has the potential to be a powerful push in the progress of these young players. I am honoured to be part of this exciting initiative."

David RUSSELL, world renowned classical guitarist, Grammy award winner

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music

Date of creation: 2017

N°. and type of members: : 17

Festivals, music schools and music organisations organising Festival of Classical Guitar

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

EuroStrings Artists are a select group of young professionals, who have earned their place in this acclaimed group by excelling at each of our members festivals' contest at the highest age level.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

These Artists are awarded a year-long touring programme to visit Platform's Festivals following a carefully curated programme called the EuroStrings Curriculum. This programme involves work with globally acclaimed guitar players called EuroStrings Ambassadors and other industry specialists in development-gear workshops, teaching, community outreach, chamber and solo appearances. During the year-long programme, a big EuroStrings Competition is also organised, offering only one artist a chance to continue the tour globally in China and the USA. EuroStrings Artists are the staple of EuroStrings excellence and are the future of our instrument.virtual reality.



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European Talent Exchange Programme

WHO WE ARE

The European Talent Exchange Programme (ETEP) was introduced in 2003 to make the 'exchange' of European artists across Europe possible on a greater scale than ever before. An initiative of ESNS, the ETEP facilitates bookings of European acts at international festivals and generates extensive media exposure for these artists in cooperation with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), export offices and local media. This way, the ETEP aims to boost the international careers of European artists.

Since the start of ETEP, a total of 4001 shows by 1445 European artists from 34 countries were presented at 122 ETEP festivals (2003 – 2018). Over those years, acts such as Ásgeir, Aurora, Benjamin Clementine, Birth of Joy, Blossoms, Coely, Dua Lipa, Ewert and the Two Dragons, Hozier, Ibeyi, Jaakko Eino Kalevi, Jungle, MO, Seinabo Sey, SOAK, Vök, Years & Years, have kick-started their European careers with help from the ETEP programme.

Testimonial

"Every year, many European acts have their breakthrough thanks to ETEP and are booked at festivals all over Europe. There's no similar programme in the world and Paléo is proud to participate by booking every year 5 to 10 ETEP acts and help launch their career."

Dany HASSENSTEIN, Paleo Festival Nyon, Switzerland

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music, Music Export, Cultural Diversity, Cultural Exchange

Date of creation: 2003

Nº. and type of members:

The ETEP consists of 16 export offices.

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

Emerging artists are defined as pop music artists, performing original work, that have reached a critical moment in their development and require support in order to maximise their potential to become successful in other countries than their origin. The artists are not yet well-known by the audience(s) of the target country/countries, and their activities there are not yet profitable.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

We offer artists the opportunity to become part of a great festival and radio network in and outside Europe, in order to boost their international careers. Furthermore, the ETEP creates many opportunities for media exposure, which starts at the annual ESNS festival in January. In short, ETEP aims to contribute to the "launch" of sustainable musical careers for European artists inside and outside Europe.



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SHAPE

Sound, Heterogeneous Art and Performance in Europe

WHO WE ARE

SHAPE is a platform for innovative music and audiovisual art from Europe. It consists of 16 festivals and art centres and aims to support, promote and exchange innovative and aspiring musicians and interdisciplinary artists with an interest in sound. SHAPE attempts to present a variety of idiosyncratic music and sonic art from all over Europe, and provide audiences and professionals with insightful lectures, talks and workshops by experts in various fields related to sound and performance. The platform was formed by members of ICAS (International Cities of Advanced Sound) – a global network of independent non-profit organizations dedicated to advancing sound cultures, music and related arts. Each year, the 16 involved associations will collectively choose 48 creatively strong artists and musicians to participate in a mix of live performances, residencies, workshops and talks across festivals and special events.

Testimonial

"SHAPE's commitment to the artists makes a big difference, in a relationship of confidence, with great networks of festivals. They follow up very thoroughly and do a great job with both shows and press, which can be a huge push when you're starting to have attention, allowing you to be seen at the right time - for me, it was perfect timing."

Aisha Devi, SHAPE alumna

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music and Audiovisual Art

Date of creation: 2014

Nº. and type of members:

16 festivals including audiovisual and music festivals across Europe

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

SHAPE is a platform for popularising innovative musicians and audiovisual artists through concerts/exhibitions and PR. We try to focus on strong but underexposed or emergent musicians, or musicians we think audiences would benefit from knowing better, but we are not exclusive regarding these criteria. The genres represented by the artists will vary much.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

SHAPE offers live performances across 16 member festivals and a wider network of affiliated festivals (related to the International Cities of Advanced Sound network), as well as large showcases outside of Europe (such as SHAPE showcase at MUTEK in Montreal in 2016, Novas Frequencias in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, and Nyege Nyege Festival in Jinja, Uganda in 2018) and commissions (for instance, for one-off collaborations and installations). In addition SHAPE also offers educational opportunities – workshops, lectures, seminars, and an extensive educational event lasting several days, where SHAPE artists interact, present their work and learn about music production and music business-related issues.

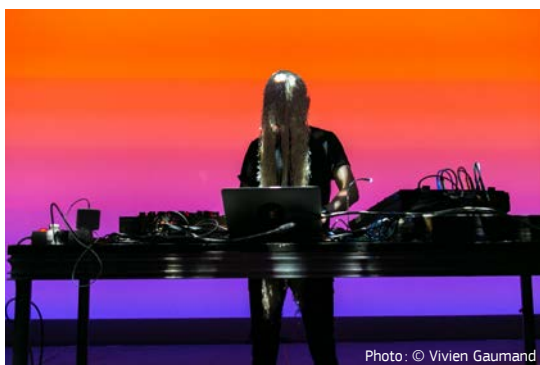


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IN EUROPE

FEDORA

Platform

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WHO WE ARE

The FEDORA Platform acts as a European-wide hub promoting innovative and hybrid opera and ballet co-productions, created by emerging artists from diverse disciplines, and appealing to a younger audience.

The FEDORA Platform engages existing and new audiences by allowing them to vote for the creation of their choice and to participate in an online crowdfunding campaign. Over a four-year period, this European initiative will lead the way in advocating new funding models for the performing arts, by creating a sustainable eco-system between the cultural and economic sector and by setting up the structural, social, and economic conditions necessary to guarantee the future of the cultural heritage of opera and ballet in Europe. The FEDORA Platform brings together opera and ballet enthusiasts and donors who share the same vision of excellence.

Testimonial

"We are committed to supporting and contributing to the future of opera and ballet, nurturing the renewal and rejuvenation of these art forms is our mission."

Jérôme-François ZIESENIS, President

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera and Ballet

Date of creation: 2017

Nº. and type of members:

26 Platform Members in 14 countries (network of 85 organisational members in 21 countries)

THE EMERGING ARTISTS

Emerging artists or creators are persons who show significant potential, who have few professional credits and who have yet to be recognized. Their aim is to develop their skills and create work in order to gain new professional accomplishments and start their artistic career. The way to achieve their aim is through visible performances, grants, awards and critic reviews. There is no specific age or time to be an emerging creator and/or artist. Emerging creators and artists can also be defined as embracing risk and new challenges, and who are rigorous in their approach to creation and production.

WHAT WE DO FOR THEM

The FEDORA Platform supports emerging artists through an international Prizes competition that gives their creative work the chance to reach the stage, increases their international visibility and contributes to their transnational mobility. The FEDORA Platform also enables them to engage with a younger and wider audience while attracting potential donors through on- and offline communication campaigns and local Roadshows.



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O.O.O.

Opera Out of Opera

Rome, "Leonardo Da Vinci" Fiumicino Airport - Departure Terminal, Rome, 6th September 2019

WHO WE ARE

The Consortium gathers two well-renowned institutions for higher music education, namely Conservatorio S. Cecilia of Rome, one of the most major and ancient of such institutions in Europe, and Mozarteum, established in 1841 and now Universität Mozarteum Salzburg. Their excellence in the field provides technical and cultural expertise. As concerns performance staging, the project benefits from the contribution of the Chamber Opera Association of Navarra (Spain), established in 2003 to produce operas accessible to all types of audiences, and the Greek Association "ART-ON", established in 2013 with the aim of providing legal identity to Petit Opera du Monde, an informal group of music/theatrical productions promoting music education. Lastly, the European Association of Conservatoires is a European cultural and educational network established in 1953 representing the interests of training institutions for the music profession. It includes 297 member institutions in 55 countries and is responsible for coordination and communication tasks for O.O.O.

Testimonial

"The development of new audiences for opera is a burning platform all over the world. Opera Out of Opera aims to do this by reaching the audience outside the opera houses, developing new formats and applying virtual elements to the presentation. With a particular focus on young audiences, the project aims to make an otherwise elitist artform accessible to everyone."

Eva HESS THAYSEN, Voice teacher and Head of Vocal Studies, The Royal Danish Academy of Music

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Conservatorio Santa Cecilia Rome, Italy) - Chamber Opera Association of Navarra (Pamplona, Spain) - Mozarteum University (Salzburg, Austria) - ART-ON Petite Opera du Monde (Athens, Greece) - Association Européenne des Conservatoires - AEC (Brussels, Belgium)

OUR PROJECT

Opera out of Opera is an audience development project lasting from September 2018 to April 2020. Opera is one of the most expensive and demanding theatrical machines, as it requires scenes, costumes, singers, musicians, orchestras, huge managing and organisation skills and great economical effort. Moreover, it is a niche production that targets a very specific audience, which is usually middle-aged, well-educated and high/middle-income.

O.O.O. aims to bring opera closer to a wider public - especially young people - by moving from its conventional locations towards non-traditional settings and open-air spaces, such as shopping centres, train stations, city squares and public buildings.

The project promoted 4 live performances held in Italy, Spain, Greece and Austria, structured as an itinerant opera (pocket opera) and designed by all partners. It innovatively combines live electronics, virtual environments and animated backgrounds with traditional representations and performances; meanwhile real-time animations and subtitles are also integrated with the aim of creating cheap and flexible representations that can easily be replicated.

Moreover, the orchestra itself evolves in this context and becomes more flexible and movable: the pieces, performed by students from partner conservatories, are played in simplified versions (with fewer instruments and shorter tracks), adopting medleys also in non-original languages. Such adaptation makes opera more accessible to the public and reduces costs and logistic impact. A bespoke app was also created to serve as the central tool of the project, providing content specifically developed by the Consortium for the general public, and ensuring proactive participation in an innovative, low-cost way.

Together with audience participation through the itinerant opera, the project also seeks to gather stakeholders in an International Network of Opera Organisations and to provide artists with new technical skills and competences (improvisation, intercultural communication, adapting to new contexts).

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OiC

Opera InCanto

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WHO WE ARE

Opera InCanto is an innovative project running for two years, funded under the Creative Europe programme.

It has the primary objective of creating a new audience, by educating new generations to better appreciate the performing arts, with particular focus on opera. By creating a network of theatres and European cultural centres, and through close cooperation with the educational sector, the project will stimulate audience development, by helping children and their families to engage with opera. The general objective of Opera InCanto is to tackle low participation in opera, especially among young people, by involving them in its production process. Children can participate in the creation of an international co-production of Turandot by Giacomo Puccini, in which young artists will perform. The opera will be adapted and produced according to the Europa InCanto methodology, which has had stunning success in audience development among the younger generation and their families.

Europa InCanto, Project leader - implementation of the project in Italy, communications with the European Commission and between partners, and internationalisation of the methodology.

Opera Leipzig - production of materials for the opera and implementation of activities in Germany.

Orquesta Reino de Aragón - activities in Spain.

Croatian National Theatre in Split - activities in Croatia.

Association Européenne des Conservatoires Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen - International Communication of Opera InCanto, management of the website and video dissemination.

Qendra "Gjenerata e re" New Generation - development of the international methodology and finding schools and institutions willing to implement Opera InCanto.

OUR PROJECT

Opera InCanto introduces children, from 4 to 13 years old, to the magical world of the theatre. Opera InCanto aims to create a new, young audience, aware of the importance of the heritage of opera, and capable of truly appreciating it. Within the school year, teachers and their students are involved in a dynamic educational path, based on learning and internalising all the different aspects of the opera, transforming it into a moment of fun and sharing. The project starts with the laboratories held in the partners' theatres, in which our experts help teachers learn the selected tracks. The learning process will be supported by specific educational tools handed out to each participant, such as the text book, the CD, the interactive karaoke DVD and the OperaApp. At the end of the project, an adjusted performance of the opera is staged in the theatres of the partners of Europa InCanto.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera, collective singing

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

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Young @ Opera



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WHO WE ARE

Operosa is a classical music and opera festival founded in 2006 promoting young talent and contemporary interpretation to a modern audience in the Balkans. The aim of Operosa is to focus on repertoire ideally suited for young opera singers while working with leading international artistic directors and showcasing opera as a modern and "cool" form of art. The Kolarac Music Centre promotes artistic music and music culture in Belgrade for a wide audience, opening its doors to both young and older music lovers since 1932. The municipality of Herceg Novi in Montenegro has a very long and wealthy cultural tradition and is officially affiliated with the Montenegrin Ministry of Culture.

Testimonials

"It was great experience and a big pleasure to be part of Operosa. This genre was new for me and it would help me with my acting career further on. Thanks Operosa!"

Yavor BAHAROV

"Outstanding professionalism, inspiring state of spirit during and after the process of performing, awareness of team fellowship and collaboration beyond the ordinary frames!"

Ivo ALEKSANDROV

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera and classical music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

Operosa Foundation
Zaduzbina Ilije M Kolarca
Herceg Novi Municipality

OUR PROJECT

YOUNG@OPERA brings together over 50 talented and keen young artists from countries across Europe and beyond in performances of vibrant opera in towns in Bulgaria, Montenegro and Serbia. The ambitious core partners together with associated partners have created a dynamic two-part cycle of opera events with highly accomplished Artistic Directors and Mentors of different nationalities. The project specifically aims to reach a wider and younger audience by presenting in Cycle 1 a baroque-classical opera in a modern and "cool" form and in Cycle 2 commissioning a brand new opera by a young composer with modern views but showcasing clear links connecting it to the opera of Cycle 1.

It's all created and performed by young artists to whom young audiences can relate. They are selected from an extensive list of young artists from all over the world.

The Project hosts opera works of 2 completely different kinds, performed by a different mix of artists at every development stage.

Tangible culture – historical sites and buildings:

Performances will take place in cultural heritage sites Kotor Old Town (UNESCO) and Forte Mare Fortress and Old Town in Herceg Novi, Montenegro. Many of the Culture Institutes, theatres and schools in the project locations are also of historical significance.

All events are also filmed and photographed by the young artists for dissemination purposes. The selected photos will be made available branded in special YOUNG@OPERA Galleries on the web site and shared on social media. The photo and video/film artists are invited to explore the possibilities of crossover and combination work between set design and pure commercial video and photography.

Fashion design / Craft Work / Painting Drawing:

The Workshops are led at different development stages by Artistic Directors. Theatrical costume and set design has always been closely related to fashion design, painting drawing and craft work. The project aims to inspire the young designers to develop this crossover further, even with photography and video.

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CrossOpera

CrossOpera: otherness, fear and discovery

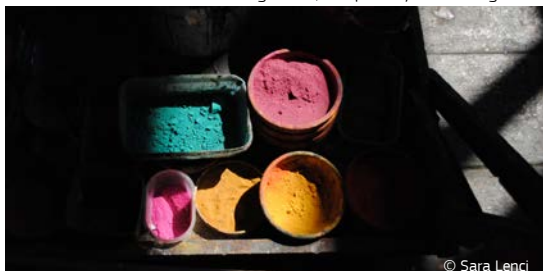
Teatro Comunale Luciano Pavarotti di Modena

WHO WE ARE

Built in 1841, the Teatro Comunale di Modena has since been one of the leading Italian traditional theatres. The Landestheater Linz is the largest theater in Upper Austria. The roots of the Serbian National Theatre (SNT) in Novi Sad reach back to 1861, and it is the country's main performing art center, producing opera, drama and ballet.

CrossOpera is a project built during a long twinning relationship linking Modena to the cities of Linz (Austria), and Novi Sad (Serbia). Over 25 years, Modena has cooperated with the two cities on projects relating to welfare, social development, public administration and culture.

CrossOpera is an important project, joining cities and their populations through cultural action, and is a valuable initiative in the sensitive matters of immigration, hospitality and integration



© Sara Lenci

Testimonial

"In an era of simplified communication, art is a way to reflect, not only rationally, on complex problems such as cultural integration. Since the beginning of European history and art, migration has been a characteristic of our civilization."

Aldo SISILLO, Artistic director of the Teatro Comunale di Modena

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Musical theatre, contemporary opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):
Teatro Comunale di Modena (leader), Serbian National Theatre, Landestheater Linz

OUR PROJECT



The main purpose of the project is to co-produce a new lyric opera whose three acts will develop short stories commissioned from three different composers, one from each country. All composers will work on the same given subject: "Otherness: fear and discovery", and will focus on intercultural clash and integration. The work will develop three different stories concerning recent immigration to the countries of the European Union.



CrossOpera started with the commissioning of a three-act opera from Serbian composer Jasmina Mitrusic, Italian Luigi Cinque and German Valentin Ruckebier. The priority of the project is the transnational mobility of artists and musicians. A travelling artistic team of singers and musicians will follow a week of music rehearsals for each act in every theatre under the guidance and supervision of the local composer. Following the première in Modena, the opera will travel to the Landestheater Linz and the Serbian National Theater in Novi Sad. The opera will go on stage on 8 and 10 May 2020 to celebrate Europe Day (9 May).




Following the Creative Europe guidelines, the project encourages the transnational mobility of artists and professionals, as well as the transnational circulation of cultural and creative works. The aim is to promote cultural exchanges, intercultural and interfaith dialogue, understanding of cultural diversity and social inclusion. The cross-border and mobility strategy is also aimed at capacity building for cultural operators involved in the project, enabling them to work transnationally and internationally. Reaching new and wider audiences, encouraging intercultural and interfaith dialogue, respect for diverse cultures and cultural expressions, and facilitating the integration of refugees are also among CrossOpera's priorities for meeting Creative Europe's objectives.

Although the translational production of the opera will be at the core of the project, the activities radiating from this main task will aim to tackle a number of subjects of interest to the European cultural programme. Each of these will help enhance and develop the identity, cultural awareness and vision of partners and audiences at a European Union level, well beyond local and national levels. Activities in the three different countries will include training, audience development and interaction with local communities, including efforts to reach often under-represented groups such as refugees.

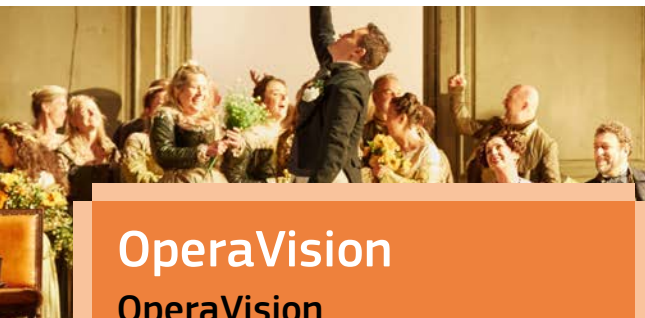
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OperaVision

OperaVision

WHO WE ARE

OperaVision is a new project for opera in Europe's digital environment. OperaVision offers a free-view, online, richly diverse curated season of European opera in partnership with 28 opera houses from 16 countries. OperaVision has a specific new emphasis on attracting and cultivating young, emerging audiences and celebrating Europe's cultural heritage.

OUR PROJECT

OperaVision is opera for the connected world.

Watch live streams as operas unfold in opera houses. View your favourite performances, subtitled, on demand. Learn about the art form and specific productions by browsing our articles, stories and richly populated digital library. Discover resources for young audiences and for artistic career development. In English, French, and German, thoughtfully curated, and free to browse and explore.

Supported by the European Union's Creative Europe programme, OperaVision builds on the success of The Opera Platform, with more contributing opera companies from more countries, under the editorial supervision of Opera Europa, the European association of opera companies and festivals.

OperaVision brings together 29 partners from 16 countries and invites you to travel and discover the diversity of opera from wherever you want, whenever you want.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 29

Name of partners (including project leader):

Belgium: Opera Vlaanderen, La Monnaie / De Munt, Opera

Europa Croatia: Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb

Czech Republic: National Theatre Brno/Janáček Festival Brno,

National Theatre Prague Finland: Finnish National Opera

France: Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, Opéra de Lille, Théâtre National de l'Opéra-Comique

Germany: Komische Oper Berlin, Deutsche Oper am Rhein

Hungary: Hungarian State Opera

Ireland: Irish National Opera

Italy: Teatro Regio Torino, Teatro di San Carlo Napoli, Teatro La Fenice Venezia, Teatro Dell'Opera di Roma

Latvia: Latvian National Opera

Netherlands: Dutch National Opera

Norway: Norwegian National Opera

Poland: Polish National Opera, Poznań Opera

Spain: Teatro Real Madrid, Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia

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OPPP

Opera: Past, Present, Perfect!

WHO WE ARE

This project brings together partners with specific artistic skills and experiences. It provides the opportunity for all partners to work together and to establish long-term cooperation and partnerships, while creating events with the highest artistic standards and social outreach. Our consortium is built by partner organisations from the Netherlands – Composers' Association Nieuw Geneco; Montenegro – Faculty of Design and Multimedia; Georgia – Young Musician International Association of Georgia YMIAG; and Serbia – Little Theatre Dusko Radovic and MOTO. Apart from their artistic experiences and productions, these organisations present some of the most influential artistic collectives in their home countries. The reason that we formed this alliance of partners, other than the fact that the artists gathered around these organisations have already collaborated for years, is that we share the same values and passion for our jobs, each in one's own field of expertise.



OUR PROJECT

The main scope of this action is to connect and educate young professionals in order to establish a cross-sectoral, cross-national and intergenerational dialogue (between young professionals and mentors), and to establish collaboration and expertise exchange to (re)position opera as an interdisciplinary and authentic European art form. More specifically, the aim is re-thinking the context of opera and its relevance within the contemporary world, with activities directed at capacity building in training, education and improving the competency of end users and beneficiaries, using the advantages of up-to-date technologies in advertising and production (social networking, applications, and digital scenography) and synergies of intergeneration dialogue. Boundaries between art forms have blurred even more, and with the use of new technologies, including the incorporation of film or real-time video and digital electronics, with the vision of a new generation of young artists a new sense of opera can be found. The project will be implemented not only in the capital cities and cultural centres of the participating countries, but also in smaller municipalities and rural areas, with an attempt to demystify opera and classical music as elitist. The specific goals are: to create a strong network of young professionals involved in the process of creating opera productions – vocal artists, instrumentalists, orchestra members, accompanists, visual art students, theatre directors, composers and scenarists – within two summer schools in Serbia and Georgia, giving them the opportunity to study with leading authorities from different art fields (vocal pedagogues, conductors, composers, directors, visual artists) and helping them in their search for a new, contemporary context of opera.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Muzicko Opersko Teatarska Organizacija - MOTO (SRB), Nieuw Geneco (NL), Univerzitet Donja Gorica (MNE), Young Musician International Association of Georgia (GE), Malo Pozoriste Dusko Radovic (SRB)

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ENOA

European Network of Opera Academies

Empowering Opera: breaking boundaries for institutions and artists

WHO WE ARE

ENOA is a European network of opera academies which supports and accompanies artists from the opera sector – creators and performers – in developing their professional careers. Today it gathers 12 partners and 13 associate partners including Europe's most important operatic institutions.

The creation of ENOA in 2009 and its first few years of activity (2011-2015) enabled its partners to initiate and promote artistic training and development workshops. The launch and implementation of its Young Opera Makers programme (2016-2020) was the perfect springboard for partners to test innovative professional integration pathways and creative processes on a pan-European scale.

In September 2020, with the backing of the European Union's Creative Europe programme, ENOA launched its new programme 'Empowering Opera: breaking boundaries for institutions and artists'.

Over its 12 years of existence, ENOA has accompanied more than 1 500 artists, has developed and initiated European tours for 18 operatic productions, 13 of which are world premieres.

Testimonial

"During those past 4 years, my journey has clearly been impacted by ENOA! Three fantastic productions which led me to La Monnaie, to the Festival d'Aix or to Luxembourg, many workshops in Belgium, Italy and up to Snape Maltings in England, exciting encounters, incredibly relevant mentors and an attentive team! Thanks to ENOA, I found a place where I was able to grow and discover myself as a singer, but also as a creator; a space where I could get inspiration, strength and resources to create my own projects. So, long live this network!"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 12

Name of partners (including project leader):

Festival d'Aix-en-Provence (France), Britten Pears Arts (United Kingdom), Chapelle Musicale Reine Elisabeth (Belgium), Dutch National Opera & Ballet (Netherlands), Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal), LOD muziektheater (Belgium), Operosa Foundation (Serbia), Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia (Spain), Bayerische Theaterakademie August Everding (Germany), La Monnaie / De Munt (Belgium), Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg (Luxembourg), Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera (Poland)



ENOA Composition Workshop Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation © Marcia Lessa

OUR PROJECT

ENOA's new programme, entitled 'Empowering Opera: Breaking Boundaries for Institutions and Artists', aims to inspire, support and share innovative opera projects with new narratives and exploring new storylines, forms and aesthetics that embody the diversity of today's world. Its implementation also intends to remove artistic and financial barriers as well as unconscious bias that hinder the emergence of new artistic expression in all areas of the opera sector, from training and artist recruitment to opera production and scheduling.

The programme's goal is to promote diversity and a variety of artistic forms of expression in the entire European operatic sector and to completely transform its practices and working methods via:

- work on training and occupational integration of creative artists and performers with theoretical and practical workshops;
- customised immersive residencies in the network's institutions, helping to open up the world of opera to experimental and talented artists from other artistic disciplines (jazz, theatre, dance, poetry, the plastic arts, etc.) but without experience in the sector;
- innovative opera projects, embodying new narratives, produced by creative teams recruited via Europe-wide calls for projects and an inclusive selection process, followed by experimental and development workshops hosted by members;
- a training programme on equality and diversity issues to raise awareness and transform practices in the sector in terms of creation, programming, recruitment and communication;
- a new model for commissioning, producing and performing works, promoting diversity and mobility among artists and operas.



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A project for Opera Sceneries Circularity and Resource efficiency

WHO WE ARE

The OSCaR consortium was created to include all knowledge, skills and expertise that we deemed necessary for its implementation from the very beginning of the project design. Cité du design, whose three missions are to teach art and design, to spread design culture, and to help corporations and local governments in their transformation, is exploring cooperation models between the different stakeholders involved in the first stages of a set life cycle. CIRIDD, whose core mission is to foster collaborative innovation for sustainable development, will be mainly involved in assessing the impact of the project. The UNESCO Chair's mission is to promote scientific research, cooperation, education and communication on the sustainable development of products and services at national and international level. For OSCaR it has so far completed an investigation into the (eco)design practices of sets within European opera houses and has proposed a roadmap for the opera sector. As a research centre which focuses on research and development in the area of advanced construction materials, structures and technologies, AdMaS will analyse and make recommendations about materials commonly used by European opera houses, and propose alternative materials with a lower environmental impact. The three opera houses of the consortium bring their knowledge of the opera sector and sets design and building processes, as well as cases of studies.



OSCaR, Le Château de Barbe Bleue © Stofleth

OUR PROJECT

The 2-year OSCaR project is intended to create a new collective dynamic within European opera houses (and beyond) to foster the circularity of (opera) sets through eco-friendly practices. It is a capacity building project, and its main objectives are to improve the skills of technical departments, providing them with science-based knowledge on the footprint of opera sets, as well as a better understanding of methods to reduce this footprint through materials and processes, and to foster sustainable practices by questioning our management and cooperation processes through the lens of design methodologies. As a capacity building project, OSCaR focuses on collaborative work through a learning-by-doing process, which has been made possible by getting all the necessary expertise inside the consortium itself. As it was necessary to understand current practices and initiatives, OSCaR started with a survey covering the (eco)design practices of sets within European opera houses, the results of which will be shared and published in 2021. The second part is focusing on management and processes, and on cooperation models. OSCaR mainly addresses the technical and production departments of opera houses. It has also reached out to set designers, cultural sub-sectors that design and construct sets, such as cinema and museums, as well as any kind of private and public organisations involved in circular economy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Opera

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

Opéra de Lyon (FR), Gothenburg Opera (SE), Tunis Opera (TU), Cité du design – Ecole supérieure d'art et de design (FR), UNESCO Chair for Climate Change – ESCI-UPF (ES), CIRIDD (FR), AdMaS – University of Technology of Brno (CZ)

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NIMPE

Network for Internationalization of Music Producers in Europe

WHO WE ARE

NIMPE is a live music industry network made of partners from Italy (coordinator), Denmark, France, Greece, Slovenia and the UK. The partnership, which was purposely established for the project, included a marked heterogeneity among the partners in light of the high level of innovation of the project itself. The approach identified was to address and try to break down the existing barriers at European level with respect to the mobility of young artists and technicians, experts and managers working in this field.



NIMPE MUSIC FACTORY performance © NIMPE

OUR PROJECT

The NIMPE project aims to link and connect complementary music industry experts from across the continent in order to support the development of the European live music industry. The initiative will operate as an umbrella network between national music "clusters and communities of practice", focusing in three main areas:

- mapping the wider live music sector;
- sharing knowledge (event production chain process);
- developing innovative and sustainable solutions for the future of Europe.

The objectives are:

- to develop a "music cluster observatory" for the professionals of the European live music sector through educational, vocational and training activities, theoretical and experiential activities, virtual and physical networking;
- to link industry partners, source professional specialists and resources for young entrepreneurs, to support creative partnerships, touring and co-productions (with private and public sector partners);
- to coproduce workshops and entrepreneurial events.



NIMPE Music Factory bands and staff © NIMPE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Live music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

Assomusica Associazione (Italy) (coordinator)
 Root Music LTD (UK)
 SKUC - Drustvo Studentski kulturni center (Slovenia)
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Sing Outside The Box



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WHO WE ARE

The consortium behind the “Sing Outside The Box” project consisted of four partners and numerous collaborators. The lead partner was the Estonian Choral Association, which was responsible for the general implementation of the project, as well as the Europa Cantat XX festival in Tallinn. The European Choral Association provided the necessary know-how about the continuity of the festival, but also organised the international conferences on choral singing. ZIMIHC from the Netherlands and Sulasol from Finland implemented the Eurochoir sessions in 2017 and 2018 respectively.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Choral singing, collective singing

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Estonian Choral Association, European Choral Association, Sulasol, ZimiHC


OUR PROJECT

“Sing Outside The Box” tested innovative audience development methods during two sessions of the EuroChoir, in different ateliers and concerts at the Europa Cantat Festival in Tallinn, and disseminated these methods to multipliers. The EuroChoir is a European choir gathering up to 60 talented emerging singers. Its sessions are held once a year in a different country. A 2-year cycle was set up under the supervision of acclaimed conductors Maria van Nieuwerkerken (NL), Lorenzo Donati (IT) and Mikko Sidoroff (FI). After the sessions in 2017 (Utrecht) and 2018 (Helsinki), the choir presented its work as a special guest of the 2018 EUROPA CANTAT festival in Tallinn. The themes of the project also developed throughout the festival, with ateliers for singers and workshops for conductors dedicated to the following themes:

- Go out and meet new audiences: use of unusual concert venues, concerts in the frame of non-choral or even non-musical events;
- Staging: develop innovative approaches to staging, with a focus on the specific abilities of singers as instruments (movement, sound space, blending in the audience, etc.);
- Technical development: use of lighting and sound reinforcement as an artistic element;
- Pedagogy: foster access for non-readers and non-trained singers to discover the fun of collective singing. Involve choirs, conductors and singers in an active recruiting process for active and passive audiences.


To find new auditors for the choral music field, and expand its possibilities, we organised concerts in a former power plant, old town yards and squares, viewing platforms, staircases etc. Leveraging the prescriptive power of the Eurochoir, of the EUROPA CANTAT festival, and the power of the European Choral network (and two of its international conferences), the project will help define a new benchmark for collective singing.

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Blockchain My Art

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WHO WE ARE

Blockchain My Art (BMA) is a transparent payment solution for festivals using blockchain technology.

Blockchain My Art was initiated by a collaboration between three European festival organisations: Today'sArt, SeaNaps and Les Siestes Electroniques.

Testimonials

"We're very proud to be the first French festival to implement the innovative payment solution. With Blockchain-MyArt, we are showcasing to our audience that we have nothing to hide and how fair cultural economics can be."

Samuel AUBERT, Director Les Siestes Electroniques

"In 2016, the idea came out from an observation: the music circuit is still too opaque: artists or cultural workers struggle to make a living, although audiences have never consumed as much cultural material as today. Money is spent and not always received. Using the Blockchain is for us the opportunity to test how decentralised and transparent tools could shake this established system."

Maxime FAGET, Director SeaNaps

OUR PROJECT

Changing the game for cultural events and festivals in Europe by implementing decentralised blockchain-based solutions.

Blockchain My Art (BMA) explores the possibilities offered by blockchain technology in the creation and management of common goods in the artistic sector. The project focuses on practices in the field of music festivals, capitalising on their capacity to gather a lot of people in a small number of venues for a few days. In 2018, a blockchain-based payment solution will be developed between the BMA partners. That solution aims to strengthen audience involvement by giving them real-time information about how their money is spent at festivals.

BMA aims to redefine the relations between cultural structures and their ecosystems. The project proposes a performative redefinition of the cultural production chain, transparency and interactions with the audience. It proposes a paradigm shift towards decentralised identities, self-empowered digital interactions and transparency, as well as a rethinking of cultural exchanges – pioneered by European festivals and cultural partners.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music / Art Festivals, Creative & Culture Industry, Activism

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):
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B-AIR

Art Infinity Radio - Creating sound art for babies, toddlers and vulnerable groups

WHO WE ARE

The B-AIR network includes various institutions, from national radio broadcasters to research institutes, universities, NGOs, children's hospitals and retirement homes. More than 100 artists, researchers, media professionals and experts in software/hardware and impact analysis connect with target audiences to address the predominantly visual-centric communication methods of the modern media horizon and raise the subject of audio sensibility from an early age.

The network illuminates the impact of the audio pathway (sound, voice, words, music) on cognitive, emotional and personal development, as well as during illness and rehabilitation. Prototypes of new models and production standards for babies, young children, vulnerable groups and the elderly are presented in highly elevated contemporary artistic settings, as well as in environments where the subjects of art and sound can be considered as a possible developmental and transformative factor. On the one hand, the consortium explores different sonic environments and auditoriums (urban space, hospitals, retirement homes), while on the other hand, we aim to address different audiences, especially those that are usually neglected (babies, young children, vulnerable groups, the elderly). Apart from a purely intuitive artistic approach, the aim of the consortium is to stimulate reflection on the role, sensory and semantic impact of sound in our lives by incorporating scientific research and presenting it in slow journalistic production.



B-AIR, RadioTeatar Field recordings © Dino Brazzodur

OUR PROJECT

Through the B-AIR project we want to enable the experimental production and reinvention of radio as a creative medium, as an artistic gesture in itself, and raise the question of the transformation of the medium of radio (both technologically and socially). We aim to do this by:

- lowering or removing the geographical barriers and the barriers between the aesthetic philosophies of different arenas by combining fascinating sound-based artistic and research practices;
- lowering the barriers between the 'artistic' and the 'ordinary'
- moving quality sound art production from concert venues to communities, implementing it into everyday experience (from participatory sound art co-created with hospitalised children, to community sound art storytelling in retirement homes);
- engaging target audiences such as children and the elderly in a re-evaluation process;
- popularising contemporary sound art and showing those who are unaware of its potential and importance that they can all contribute;
- potentially enhancing the music education process towards the creative freedom and socialisation that sound art can offer to everyone, not just those who are proclaimed to be 'artists'.

The platform aims to expand on what is available in terms of professional radio studio infrastructure and satellite-based audio streaming with an artistic and reflective web radio platform, supported by innovative technology that will enable online artistic collaborations in real time and further automatic processing of the sound fragments of these artworks using machine learning technology.

GENERAL INFORMATION


Field: Sound art - Radio art

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 9

Name of partners (including project leader):

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REMAIIN

Radical European Music and Its Intercultural Nature

REMAIIN in Riga © Arnis Kalnins

WHO WE ARE

The Skaņu mežs (sound forest) association organises the oldest (19 years) annual innovative music festival in the Baltic states as well as sound art exhibitions and educational activities relating to new music.

OUT.RA – www.outra.pt and www.outfest.pt – is a Portuguese non-profit association in charge of several experimental music and sound-related projects, with the highlight being OUT.FEST – Barreiro Kontraklang – <http://www.kontraklang.de> – is a monthly contemporary music concert series curated by Marta Blazanovic-Drefers, Andreas Engström and Christopher Williams.

Wilde Westen (www.wildewesten.be/) is a multi-genre concert and festival organisation in the south-west of Flanders (Belgium). It is active in the domains of classical music, contemporary music, jazz, pop, rock, non-western music and sound art. Wilde Westen organises 3 festivals.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Experimental music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Nepieradinātās mūzikas un filmu mākslas biedrība Skaņu mežs (LT)

OUT.RA – Associacao Cultural (PT)

Wilde Westen (BE)

Kontraklang (Firma Blazanovic, Engstrom, Williams GbR) (DE)

OUR PROJECT

REMAIIN is a collaborative project between four cultural entities working in the broad field of experimental music which seeks to explore the role of extra-European influences in European innovative music and sound art and bring that knowledge into public consciousness by disseminating information regarding those influences, fostering novel collaborations between artists of different cultures and genres and nurturing an inclusive, open mindset in listeners of all genres of music. REMAIIN can be perceived as a creative response to the current wave of isolationism and xenophobia sweeping Europe and the western world, conveying the benefits of inclusiveness in the realm where the project members operate – that is, in music and arts, and hopefully beyond. In a broader sense, REMAIIN is an attempt to look at the positive outcomes of globalisation and the meeting of cultures. The project's main goals are:

- to raise awareness of the important role of non-European influences in European innovative music, and through it the entire range of musical expression;
- to explore, study, document and introduce to audiences musical artists and individual works which demonstrate the importance of such cross-cultural exchange;
- to facilitate the development of new forms of musical cross-pollination between cultures through the cultivation of novel collaborations between European and non-European artists, and promoting the work of new artists exploring that cultural intersection;
- to foster a spirit of openness, curiosity and tolerance in music fans of all genres;
- to develop the managerial and promotion skills and know-how of the project partner organisations, artists and other interested persons;
- to promote the mobility of experimental artists working with the project topic within Europe and in networks between European and international artists.

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SHARE

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WHO WE ARE

The SHARE project includes five partners whose complementary skills and geographic roots guarantee an optimal deployment of the project and its objectives.

Three associations - The Community, Le Fondateur de Son and Zpoluras - mainly involve musicians and artists. They will therefore bring to the project their experience in artists' mobility and professionalisation, as they all operate as mini-networks, working to optimise the processes of creation, distribution and promotion of their artist members.

Ecarts has extensive experience in cultural actions with various audiences.

Strongly invested in Denmark where it organises the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, The Community has forged many partnerships with Baltic Countries and Germany. By starting its associative activity with the development of international projects, Le Fondateur de Son has forged strong links with Morocco, the Netherlands, Greece, Macedonia, Austria and Poland. Zpoluras regularly organises residencies for inter-European artists and works with many local structures, including the Sociedade Filarmónica in Atouguia da Baleia. Finally, Cricket Productions has developed expertise in organising outdoor performances in exceptional settings: monasteries, churches, public spaces.

Testimonial

"Improvised music is an artistic practice of sound that focuses on sharing the present moment and the instant composition. It seeks to create the unheard, without excluding any tradition or know-how. Improvisation goes beyond musical borders: it can enhance our life generally. It's all about learning to go with the flow, getting out of our comfort zone, adding to the recipe a taste of our previous paths, expressing ourselves as free individuals, listening to and connecting with others, discovering the best road that will lead us together to the final result."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Improvised Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):
Ecarts (France)

Le Fondateur de Son (France)

Zpoluras (Portugal)

The Community (Denmark)

Cricket Productions (Italy)

OUR PROJECT

The SHARE project aims to create the conditions for the circulation of European Improvised Music artists and their creations. To this end, the project experiments with a federative union of improvised music artists, professionals in the music industry and audience, and collectives or individuals who share an interest in improvisation.

SHARE is run collaboratively by five partners located in four different European countries - from improvisation collectives, record labels, festivals to cultural institutions - and pursues five objectives:

- to reinforce the mobility of artists and their creations;
- to professionalise artists through collaborative and informal learning methods;
- to encourage innovation and new practices and to foster collaborative knowledge and information sharing;
- to increase the visibility of creative music;
- to ensure a sustainable circulation of careers.



Elena extracting the sounds out of François's sousaphone © SHARE

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WHO WE ARE

We are Europe is an association of eight major European events joining forces to promote, create and produce innovative cultural practices, defined by creative diversity and exchanges.

Today's ideas for Tomorrow's Culture

OUR PROJECT

Our common project aims to develop a prospective vision of electronic culture, technology and entrepreneurship, while contributing to new social and political developments through an interdisciplinary approach. We are Europe brings together thinkers and artists from all over the continent and beyond, to defend our common values. They are making tomorrow's Europe and leading today's innovative cultural projects. We know them as artists, philosophers, designers, writers, journalists, activists. They represent a form of transformation, imagination and change in the project of Europe. Each year, We are Europe selects those who inspire us with their talent, commitment and conviction. They will be present in our forums and festivals to look for a new paradigm in the European idea.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Electronic music and reflection forum

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 8

Name of partners (including project leader):

Nuits sonores & European Lab (ArtyFarty – project leader) – TodaysArt & TodaysArt Context Program – Sónar Festival & Sónar+D – c/o pop Festival & c/o pop Convention – Reworks Festival & Reworks Agora – Insomnia Festival & Insomnia Insight – Elevate – Music and Arts & Elevae – Discourse and Activism – Unsound & Unsound Discourse

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E.M.I.

European Music Incubator

WHO WE ARE

EMI is a project gathering five EU and trans-sectorial partners: Trempolino (France), Liverpool Sound City Festival (UK), City of Genova (Italy), University of Tartu (Estonia), Lab852 (Croatia). This innovative European cooperation developed supporting programmes for EU musicians to break the boundaries between the music sector and other creative sectors at local and European level. All organisations in the partnership are working throughout the music value-chain.



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Testimonial

"I mean, teaching artists and musicians how to make to money in the music industry, I've never seen that anywhere."

Nathalie McCool (Musicians of EMI Program – 2018)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Popular music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Trempolino (France)

Liverpool Sound City Festival (UK)

City of Genova (Italy)

University of Tartu (Estonia)

Lab852 (Croatia)

OUR PROJECT

EMI implemented a European training and mobility programme for musicians-entrepreneurs who wanted to develop a long-term career, grounded in an entrepreneurial mindset and beyond the traditional framework of popular music.

Through this project, emerging musicians learned and experimented with the development of new business models. These models are based on diversification of activities with locally-identified creative sectors, such as the video-games industry, digital teaching, playlist curation, branding and cultural tourism.

EMI brings new experiences to create an attractive long-term pan-European artists' incubator focused on diversification of activities as the key factor for diversifying revenue streams to reach a wider audience.



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Europavox Project

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WHO WE ARE

The Europavox Project comprises seven partners aiming to support the circulation of European bands and develop the European music industry. Europavox Festival is based in Clermont-Ferrand, France, and has had the promotion of European musical diversity in its DNA since it was created in 2006. It was joined by other contemporary music venues, cultural centres and festivals from WUK in Vienna, Botanique in Brussels, Loftas Fest in Vilnius, Inmusic Festival in Zagreb, FUZZ Club in Athens, and Estragon Club in Bologna. These contemporary music venues, cultural centres and festivals have worked together for many years to defend their artistic choices and European musical diversity. Europavox Project allowed them to come together at once, placing a foundation stone for significant European-scale actions to help musical artists break borders.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: European music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

Europavox Festival, France - INmusic Fest, Croatia - Botanique, Belgium - Estragon Club, Italy - WUK, Austria - Loftas Fest, Lithuania - FUZZ Club, Greece

OUR PROJECT

Europavox Project fosters European musical diversity at European level through festival production, Europavox.com (the first online magazine 100% dedicated to European musical diversity), innovative partnerships with startups evolving in the cultural and creative field, and export coaching for artists willing to expand their horizons.

Europavox festivals gather more than 60 000 people in 7 different countries every year, with 70 artists booked on average. These live experiences are complemented by the online magazine, Europavox.com, in which the public can dig deeper into the Europavox roster, where more than 650 artists are presented. You'll also find exclusive insights on the music industry's latest trends, interviews with key players, and around 130 playlists curated by our artistic director. These media do not only showcase European diversity, but also represent the most cosmopolite editorial team ever, made of 39 experienced music journalists based in 26 different European countries!

All partners and their artistic director are going a step further by offering coaching to a dozen European bands selected by all partners (you can find them online on Europavox.com). Europavox Project offers touring opportunities, residencies, communication and PR support. These opportunities are stepping-stones for artists who wish to break borders on a European scale. To complete this 360° project, Europavox tackles the startup world by offering partnership opportunities for emerging businesses to test their ideas or get feedback. This is done in partnership with Start-up Sesame, the largest Tech event acceleration programme for start-ups, covering 35 partner events.

In short, the Europavox project encompasses all avenues to make European diversity more discoverable. Join the community now by visiting Europavox.com !

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INES

Innovation Network of European Showcases

WHO WE ARE

The INNOVATION NETWORK OF EUROPEAN SHOWCASES is a European cooperation project initiated by eight international showcase festivals and gigmit, the European digital platform for artist booking. During the project nine additional showcase festivals joined as associated partners. New associated members in the network are welcome.



Testimonials

"Our show at Spring Break was great. Everything was perfectly organised and the crowd was enthusiastic! Radio stations, booking agencies and festivals approached us afterwards - so we couldn't ask for a better first show in Poland! Thanks to INES for making this possible!"

HYMMJ (Germany), INES#talent performing at Spring Break Festival in 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: POP, Rock

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 9

Name of partners (including project leader):

gigmit (project leader, Germany), Live at Heart (Sweden), Liverpool Sound City Music Festival (UK), MENT Ljubljana (Slovenia), MONKEY WEEK (Spain), Sonic Visions (Luxemburg), Spring Break (Poland), Waves Vienna (Austria), Westway LAB Festival (Portugal)

OUR PROJECT

To contribute to a unified and strong European music market, INES establishes a unique exchange network between European showcase festivals to enable transnational artist discovery, career development and business expansion.

INES#festival & INES#talent: to nominate the most promising talents from their own country, INES#festivals will book foreign artists out of the INES#talent pool. Artists can apply at gigmit-platform for INES#talent.

INES#pro: a programme for European music professionals, enabling them to attend INES showcase festivals and conferences, discover upcoming bands, education and valuable business networks.

INES#conference: video recordings of internationally relevant sessions during showcase conferences, available on the INES website.



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EXCITE

Exchange of International Talent in Europe

Shht at XpoNorth 2018 © Paul Campbell

WHO WE ARE

Excite is a collaborative project between nine partner organisations across Europe. These partners focus on developing musical talent within their territories in an early stage of their career.



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Testimonials

"Excite is the perfect opportunity for bands to experience playing gigs abroad for the first time, not only in quality venues but also for audiences of professional industry people that are willing to connect."

Nathan YSEBAERT (Shht), August 8 2019

"The best part about the talent development week is that I got to meet artists from all over Europe. It was really interesting to discuss our music and our views and opinions about the music industry. It gave me new perspectives for my own project."

Michelle HINDRIKS (CIEL), August 7 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Pop, Rock

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 9

Name of partners (including project leader): 9

Partner organisations + 10 partner festivals + 4 associated festivals. Kulturungdom, Music:LX, ORA, Popfabryk, Poppunt, Rockcity, Sorf, Tamk and XpoNorth

OUR PROJECT

Excite is a highly-collaborative project between nine partner organisations based across Europe (Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, UK). This innovative network leverages a dynamic mechanism to expedite the internationalisation of young artists and music businesses early in their career or development.

The delivery model is built around a core of ten partner festivals in their respective markets, with a further four associated festivals and conferences in territories including Spain, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia - plus a curated stage at the Reeperbahn in Hamburg, Germany.

Across the delivery timeline, Excite also produces dedicated song camps with internationally respected writers and producers to accelerate artistic development and encourage deeper peer-to-peer collaborations. The delivery model also integrates specialist industry advice from key infrastructure elements such as managers, labels, publishers, booking agencies, sync agencies and promoters.

Initially established in 2009 with a core base of three partners, the project has since developed into a coherent network of extended member organisations, associated festival and wider industry partners. The support of the European Union's Creative Europe Programme facilitates the project's aim to integrate a broader range of high-level opportunities and collaborative activity into the delivery model and significantly increase the value for participants.

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JUMP

European Music Market Accelerator

WHO WE ARE

JUMP- European Music Market Accelerator brings together a network of six conventions and festivals across Europe. Led by MaMA Festival and Convention (France), the project is implemented in collaboration with Un-Convention (UK), C.T.L (Portugal), M.E.S.O (Greece), Nouvelle Prague (Czechia) and MIH (Italy).

Conventions and festivals organise initiatives dedicated to music professionals and support the exportation of European artists to other countries. They are the perfect events to gather the entire music industry, whether at national, European or international level. They serve as huge dissemination hubs and are extraordinary trading platforms for music professionals.



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Testimonial

"Being part of JUMP has been amazing so far, not only to be able to share what we're doing at CPWM and to build relationships across europe, but also to see what projects the other fellows are involved in. There are some really forward-thinking and innovative projects being pushed by enthusiastic people - to be part of this group is really exciting."

Scott Lewis, CPWM, Fellow of JUMP 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary music: from rock to hip-hop, through electro, folk, pop...

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

MaMA Festival & Convention - C.T.L - Nouvelle Prague - Un-Convention - Athens Music Week - Music Innovation Hub

OUR PROJECT

JUMP – European Music Market Accelerator provides a framework for music industry professionals to develop innovative business models. It aims to help the music sector adapt to recent transformations in the market, while encouraging it to work at a transnational level.

The music industry is changing and it is changing fast. There has been the digital shift, which changed the landscape drastically, and the ecosystem is now evolving in a way that has caused a lot of turbulence. JUMP believes it is important for music industry professionals to adapt rapidly to these transformations of the market by developing new skills and new business models. For nine months, 10 to 20 participants will have the opportunity to develop their innovative ideas and to benefit in addition from extensive training and personalised tutorship. JUMP will offer three fellowships throughout its duration (2018-2022): the first already started in March 2019 and two more will be taking place in 2020 and 2021.

JUMP is unique in its format: unlike more traditional teaching methods, the fellows are on the field attending the different conventions of the network, where they will have plenty of occasions to network, pitch their projects and promote their ideas. They broaden their horizons by getting to know the different markets in Europe and by exchanging with peers from different countries, nationalities and backgrounds, which is hugely inspiring.

The training programme enables the participants to gain a sound overview of the whole music industry ecosystem, but also provides them with specific workshops where soft skills such as how to pitch properly, how to lead a team or negotiate deals are tackled.

A key aspect of the project is also the fact that each fellow is advised by a tutor, a renowned music industry professional, who will guide the fellow in the elaboration of his/her project. The tandems of this first fellowship have already established their action plans for the next nine months and will be in contact on a monthly basis to follow-up on their progress, fine-tune their strategies and achieve their respective goals by the end of the year.

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GRAVITY

Network of Electronic Music Venues

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WHO WE ARE

Gravity is an initiative of three electronic music venues: Jasna 1 (Project Leader) - Warsaw. The club was opened in 2017 during a renaissance period of the Polish electronic music scene and has been supporting local artists, promoters and collectives ever since. Resident DJs, the core of the club, take an active part in selecting line-ups and in developing and curating the space. Jasna's diverse programming includes everything from techno, electro and house to breakbeat and italo disco. An important part of the club's identity is its policy of tolerance and acceptance. Ankali (Prague) a music venue with a capacity of 500 people, situated in the peripheral part of Vršovice, a quarter lying a safe distance away from the busy centre of Prague. The founders' idea to build a club was born from a need to create a permanent and independent place for locals. The club's programming consists of club nights with DJs and live performances by foreign and local artists, but occasionally includes concerts and exhibitions as well. Since opening, the club has been progressing towards a wider and more diverse range of contemporary electronic music. Revier Südost is a newly established Berlin club located in the building of the former Bärenquell brewery in the Niederschöneweide district. The venue is a new project of the team behind Griessmühle, the now closed Berlin club which had to vacate its premises after 8 years of operation in January 2020 due to the ongoing gentrification.

Testimonials

"Gravity is a dream of one private club owner to grow the community of electronic music lovers, to build a network of venues not to compete about best bookings but to work together, exchange the knowledge and make the scene stronger."

Robert SEREK

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Electronic Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

CIEMNA 1 SPOLKA Z OGRANICZONA
ODPOWIEDZIALNOSCIA, POLAND
ANKALI CORP SRO (CZ)
ZMF EVENT GMBH (DE)

OUR PROJECT

The general objective of Gravity is to set up a dance music club network for fluent and sustainable cooperation through artist and knowledge exchange, and to provide educational activities. In line with the Creative Europe programme, the main objective of the project is to focus on the transnational mobility of artists, to give opportunities to less recognised artists, and to help develop their careers through international appearances in partnering music venues. The second objective is to educate music professionals and scene players on the current issues and problematic topics related to the electronic music industry through panel discussions, talks, lectures, screenings and workshops. Our educational platform will generally focus on the following topics: LGBTQI+ communities and club culture, inclusive and safe spaces, harm reduction, violence and sexual harassment, gentrification, position and protection of club culture, club culture peripheries, east and west visibility, representation of smaller scenes in the media, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on club culture. Additionally, the project will appoint a project booking agent for the whole period of the partnership, who will work as an international booking agent for those resident and selected artists who are not represented by any booking agencies yet.

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Jasna 1
Warsaw

Revier Südost
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GEX

Green Europe Experience

WHO WE ARE

GEX is a network of four festivals and two NGOs joining forces to co-create a desired future for music and arts festivals.

Boom Festival (PT) is an independent festival pioneer in terms of sustainable food and scenography.

Dour Festival (BE), offers a unique and alternative programme combining mythical artists, discoveries and diversity.

Pohoda Festival (SK) is a music and arts festival where alternative, indie, electronica, world music and punk meet classical music alongside literature, dance, visual art, film and theatre.

We Love Green (FR) is an independent music festival, a pioneer within the responsible festival scene and committed to the design of sustainable solutions.

A Greener Festival (UK) is a non-profit company, committed to helping events, festivals and venues around the world to become more sustainable and to reduce environmental impacts.

GO Group (DE) is an independent, pan-European and cross industry think-tank to inspire people in the music festival and events industry to run their operations greener, smarter, more sustainably and more responsibly.

Testimonial

"We Love Green is proud to launch Green Europe Experience today. It's an ambitious project initiated several years ago, born of the meeting of European actors with shared beliefs and a common desire to go further. Thanks to the support of the European Commission, this living lab to build future festivals can be launched today, and allows us to try at our level to heal climate change and face the greatest challenges of our planet. We are convinced that culture is a great vector of diversity, of solidarity, of learning and can be a way to rethink and redesign our model more sustainably with the circular economy as a basis for action."

Marie SABOT, We Love Green Director (Paris, France)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Actual Music

N° and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

We Love Green, France

Boom Festival (PT)

Dour Festival (BE)

Pohoda Festival (SK)

A Greener Festival (UK), Go Group (DE)

OUR PROJECT

Climate change and environmental degradation are two of the biggest challenges of our time. In the field of culture, music and arts, festivals have a major impact on the environment. We need to rethink the production model and design of these events and create festivals for the future. That is what GREEN EUROPE EXPERIENCE is about. Six european partners, four festivals and two NGOs join forces to create, do and review a sustainable production model for music and arts festivals.

Our Motto? Think globally, act locally, change collectively.

GREEN EUROPE EXPERIENCE is a 3-year living lab, based on two main topics: scenography and food, with seven workshops to make it real.

Our Belief? A circular economy based on the 7R model: rethink, reduce, re-use, repair, refurbish, recover, recycle, is the key.

It is the best way to reach the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, to face climate change, enhance biodiversity and support equality.

The GEX Process is very simple: CREATE, DO and REVIEW. It means that sometimes you win, sometimes you learn!



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B.R.A.N.D. NEW

Business, Relations, Audience, Narration, Digital for the NEW music world

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WHO WE ARE

The project brings together several partners: national and international youth music competitions, music schools as well as a youth orchestra. Each partner brings its specific expertise and resources to the project: jnp is a trans-regional network of young artistic creators. They are specialised in audience development and innovative concert formats, connected to the current social discussions. Their work is interdisciplinary and they have a large network of young musicians and artists in Germany. EMCY has extensive experience in international and future-oriented training of highly talented young musicians from all over Europe, as well as an almost inexhaustible network of emerging musicians. UGDA Music School is experienced in the innovative promotion of young musicians, transnational cooperation of partners and managing large projects such as youth orchestras. MUSIK DER JUGEND is a large national organisation and experienced in the national promotion of emerging musicians as well as chamber music. The Kulturstiftung Hohenlohe organises a renowned international music competition with strong ambitions to advance its competition to a future-oriented, digital and inclusive music experience. Natų knygynas organises several national and international music competitions as well as various performing arts events. Glowing Harp is a well-known international music competition from Ukraine that has been built on the principle of musical innovation and the connecting element of music.

OUR PROJECT

The project B.R.A.N.D. NEW – Business, Relations, Audience, Narration, Digital for the NEW music world – tackles a complex problem: how to ensure that Europe's emerging classical musicians – most of them prize winners of youth music competitions – will have an audience in 20 years from now and how to ensure that their springboards, European youth music competitions, will turn into inspiring music events, relevant to the musicians' education.

Youth music competitions across Europe are talent incubators. Mostly they are highly professional but often old-fashioned, sticking to the 'traditional' concert format for classical music. This is connected to the challenge that the classical music sector's drive for 'new' mostly goes in one direction: through the repertoire. Still only a minority of music professionals truly look beyond the music to think about how they should offer this music to their audiences.

Digitisation offers many possibilities and experimental spaces for creating new concert formats. It is future-oriented and natural to the young generation, including musicians. However, the training for digital concert formats has still not really been established. Therefore, B.R.A.N.D. NEW will train emerging musicians in developing new digital concert formats. As a result, the project will produce European examples to inspire youth music competitions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical, pop, rock electronic

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

EUROPAISCHE UNION DER MUSIKWETTBEWERBE FÜR DIE JUGEND – EUROPEAN UNION OF MUSIC COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH – EMCY – EV (Germany)

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CAN

Creative Accessibility
Network

WHO WE ARE

Four ambitious and experienced European partners are at the helm of this project. Together with selected musicians, we explore the possibilities of incorporating sensory effects into live music events.

Possibilize (NL) - Taking limitations as a positive inspiration in our projects, we turn accessibility into something cool and creative. Our flagship project is Sencity, starting in 2003 as a multisensory music event. Over 50 editions have taken place in 17 countries.

Skyway Programs (UK) - From our very beginning in 2010, we cooperated on multisensory music events for deaf people. Inside the UK we have joined forces with Bittersuite, a collective of sense experts. This led to a new London festival: Open Senses, the world's first festival devoted to sensory practice, the sensory arts and research.

CWB (IE) - is an entertainment company providing full-service production of events, promotion and artist management. Our insight and years of expertise across the creative business disciplines reaches from tour and concept delivery, to strategic management and promotion, to producing iconic events with complicated technical issues in music performances.

Konekt (BE) - We believe in an inclusive world, where everyone can live life to their full potential. Our expertise is in development programmes, education and workshops, for which we have won various awards. Our main target group is people with an intellectual limitation but we also educate society on how to give these people a fair chance.

Testimonial

"We want members of the music sector all across Europe to join us on our journey of the senses. By sharing our experiences and knowledge with them through both conferences and an online, interactive platform, we inspire and inform them. To ensure that the network continues to grow, even beyond the lifespan of this project." Ronald Ligtenberg, CEO of Possibilizes."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: POP, Rock, Electro POP, Alternative Rock, Disco

N° and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Possibilize (Netherlands)

CWB, (Ireland)

Konekt (Belgium)

Skyway Programs C.I.C (UK)



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OUR PROJECT

Creative Accessibility Network is a collaborative European network passionate about finding ways to make live music performances both more accessible to a broader audience and more immersive. We aim to bring live music performances to the next level, transforming them into multisensory events. By adding scent, taste, sight and touch, musicians take their audience on a journey of the senses. A journey through the emotions present within the music. An immersive experience that offers the audience a deeper understanding of the music. People with certain disabilities are socially excluded from music performances; by adding sensory effects to live music performances, they become more immersive and more accessible. This way we work both on making music more accessible as well as on improving the experience of live music.

Four popular music bands with extensive experience on stage, one from each participating country (The Netherlands, the UK, Ireland and Belgium) attend a benchmark event, followed by a workshop weekend in which they are trained by six sensorial experts from London, UK.

Training and education are at the core of CAN. Participants receive a deep insight into immersion, accessibility and sensory effects, and they use these insights to transform their performances into future multisensory accessible events. The lessons learned will be shared at various music festivals and conferences on the topic of intellectual disability and on an open source online platform.



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HEMI

Hub for exchange of music innovation in Central and South-Eastern Europe

WHO WE ARE

The Hub for the Exchange of Music Innovation (HEMI) is an initiative by 10 music organisations from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia. Led by Technopolis City of Athens (GR), the project is developed in collaboration with Almost Famous Music Business School – MHRS (HU), Romanian Artists Worldwide Association (RO), Foundation Exit (RS), Krakow Music Scene Foundation (PL), Arts Theatre Institute – SoundCzech (CZ), Krakow Festival Office (PL), Music Estonia (EE), Password Production (MK) and the Slovenian Music Information Centre – SIGIC (SI).

Spread over nine countries, the HEMI consortium incorporates public institutions, public-private initiatives as well as private companies who dedicate their work to artists, music professionals and businesses working in their respective up-and-coming music industries.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Contemporary Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 10

Name of partners (including project leader):

Technopolis City of Athens (GR), Almost Famous Music Business School – MHRS (HU), Romanian Artists Worldwide Association (RO), Foundation Exit (RS), Krakow Music Scene Foundation (PL), Arts Theatre Institute – SoundCzech (CZ), Krakow Festival Office (PL), Music Estonia (EE), Password Production (MK), Slovenian Music Information Centre – SIGIC (SI)

OUR PROJECT

The aim of the HEMI project is to provide expertise and advice, to offer training modules to music professionals in each country - answering to the current and future needs and challenges of the sector in the region - and to meet European and global standards. HEMI has several areas of intervention:

- Providing training and educational activities to support artists, music professionals and business initiatives/startups in getting a foothold in their enterprising careers in the music industry. We anticipate a positive impact through our activities such as the <https://hemimusicclub.com/awards/>, a talent programme for export-ready artists, and our educational and training programme focused on music professionals.
- Supporting festivals and conferences as a means for networking and audience development. Through cooperation among partners in the HEMI region and EU partners, we will empower HEMI festival and conference organisers through sharing know-how and open new channels for promotion and exchange of professionals in the growing live music sector.
- Developing an innovative business model, acting as a hub to bring together current and future professional individuals and businesses engaged in the music sector. The HEMISphere, a platform hosting educational content, mentoring sessions, news, and a database for artists and professionals – a one-stop-shop – is aimed at providing a sustainable model for current and prospective partners of the region.
- HEMI's international character aims to provide networking opportunities and be a means for establishing transnational business collaborations and enlarging the support network of HEMI music sectors.

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Festival Sete Sóis Sete Luas



WHO WE ARE

The Festival Sete Sóis Sete Luas was started in 1993 and is now promoted by a cultural network comprising 30 towns from 11 different countries: Brazil, Cape Verde, Croatia, France, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Tunisia. The Festival, which is celebrating its 27th edition in 2019, develops its projects mainly in the area of popular, ethnic, traditional music and the plastic arts, always involving important personalities from European and Mediterranean cultures.

The Festival is an exemplary innovative project, and was granted an audience with the Culture Commission of the European Parliament in January 2009 and January 2013 in Brussels.

The Nobel prizewinning Portuguese writer José Saramago and the Nobel prizewinning Italian actor Dario Fo have both served as Honorary Presidents. Since 2012, the President of Republic of Cape Verde Islands has been the new Honorary President. The Festival Sete Sóis Sete Luas was awarded the International Cooperation Prize Caja de Granada on 16th April 2009.



OUR PROJECT

The project aims to create four large, ambitious, multicultural musical productions, which represent an important opportunity to: professionalize young talents from six European countries (Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain), from three neighbouring countries (Israel, Morocco and Tunisia) and from one ultra-peripheral region (La Réunion); develop new audiences with the participation of 32 musical groups of amateurs/refugees/white-voice choirs which will create 15 'word-of-mouth' committees in 15 cities; revivify the historical interest of groups of amateurs in the 15 cities participating in the project. Each musical creation will involve a conductor and six musicians from six countries, who don't know each other and have never worked together. Together they will take part in four residences over ten days in four of the cities participating in the project. The four musical creations will study the relationship between gastronomy (and its power of communication and conviviality) and popular music. Team-building sessions will be held between the musicians under the direction of a conductor, and between the musicians and the public. A specific focus will be on the confrontation of musicians who represent three different cultures and three religions: Jewish, Muslim and Christian. Another theme of the four creations will be the intergenerational confrontation between masters and young talents, who will be selected together with all the partners of the project. In each production, four musicians are recognised masters, with a successful career in their own country, and two musicians are young talents looking to professionalise in the field of world music. The project plans to organise 32 concerts featuring these four musical creations in 15 cities across the 11 different countries, and aims to connect 16 masters and 8 young talents with 32 musical groups of amateurs, refugees, and with musical styles recognised by Unesco.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 13

Name of partners (including project leader):

Partners: Mairie de Frontignan, Município di Rovinj, Município de Pombal, Ajuntament de Tavernes de la Vallidigna, Comune di Pontedera, Município di Piran, Associazione Coro a Tenores di Neoneli, Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta, Município de Alfândega da Fé, Ayuntamiento de Alcázar de San Juan, TIDD, Mairie de Saint-Paul de La Réunion

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MEDINEA

Mediterranean Incubator of Emerging Artists

WHO WE ARE

In 2014, the Festival d'Aix founded a network, Medinea, which is active in 18 Mediterranean countries and comprises festivals, cultural centers, music forums, and higher education institutions. Medinea supports the professional integration of young Euro-Mediterranean musicians, by developing intercultural projects that enhance dialogue, transmission, and mobility around the Mediterranean region. Today, thanks to the support of the European Commission through the Creative Europe and Erasmus+ programmes, the network has significantly intensified its activities.

In 2018, three members of the Medinea network, the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence (France), the International Cultural Centre of Hammamet (Tunisia) and Ente Musicale di Nuoro (Italy), have received the support of the Creative Europe programme in order to set up a series of activities in relation to the European Year of Cultural Heritage. This is the first project including a Tunisian institution as co-organiser supported by Creative Europe.



Outreach skills session, Aix-en-Provence, March 2019 © Patrick Gherdoussi

Testimonial

"This session was one of the unforgettable experiences in my life. Especially, it gives many ideas about how to be a professional musician in Europe. I believe that most parts of creating valuable music derived from communicative training."

Ozan BAYSAL, Turkish baglama player

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Intercultural collective composition, and outreach skills training in the music field

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 27

Name of partners (including project leader):

3 co-organisers and 24 associated partners.

Festival d'Aix-en-Provence (France) – project leader;

International Cultural Centre of Hammamet (Tunisia) – co-organiser; Ente Musicale di Nuoro (Italy) – co-organiser

24 associated partners based in Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

OUR PROJECT

In France, Italy and Tunisia, the project offers training opportunities for young singers and instrumentalists.

Intercultural and collective composition : The intercultural creation sessions of the Mediterranean Youth Orchestra, supported by Medinea, are open to dozens of young and talented musicians from diverse countries of the Mediterranean region who have intense practice in musical improvisation and composition. The sessions are designed for a large variety of musical aesthetics and Mediterranean expressions, and host all styles of music that use elements of improvisation (jazz, traditional music, early music, etc.). Fabrizio Cassol, composer and jazzman, guides these sessions together with a guest mentor from the hosting country. The process seeks to reveal individual singularities, nourished by personality and cultural heritage, and to experiment with techniques of collective composition. After two weeks, the musicians perform their joint musical production in a final concert.

Outreach: Led by Mark Withers, community education project leader at the London Symphony Orchestra, the outreach skills workshops aim to fuel the musicians' personal quests for excellence and will to share their art with the audience, especially audiences with little access to culture. Gathering musicians from all Euro-Mediterranean countries and musical genres (classical, jazz, contemporary and traditional music, etc.) the workshops follow a creative process of experimentation and improvisation. At the end of the workshops, the musicians have the chance to put what they have learned into practice with field projects involving targeted audiences.

These new forms of creation lead to encounters and dialogue between civilisations that inhabit the same territory, and allow this heritage to be valued and passed on to future generations, young artists and the audience. The project emphasises the richness of Euro-Mediterranean musical heritage and its multiple influences, and shows how and in what way this heritage can be a source of inspiration for contemporary creation.

The project also focuses on disseminating its results to a professional audience. The results of projects by Medinea's partners are shared during Medinea's meetings, which are a space for sharing, reflecting and exchanging good practices, as well as in professional networks related to Medinea (European networks, professional gatherings and music fairs).

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DELYRAMUS

Developing Audiences: Music, Luthiers and Mental Health

WHO WE ARE

Delyramus is a consortium of social and cultural entities:

Rey Ardid Foundation: non-profit organisation that works for the social, labour and cultural integration of people with disabilities or at risk of exclusion.

Muslyramus: non-profit association with experience with violeros (luthiers) and the organisation of musical and cultural events.

Rey Juan Carlos University: Spanish public university with scientific and methodological approach.

The Community Foundation of the Historical Centre of Naples: entity with great experience in boosting urban spaces, activities and performances.

ADM Estrela: private Social Solidarity institution in Portugal, for the design and provision of innovative programmes and services to support the inclusion of vulnerable people.

Testimonials

"Illusion, shared work, companionship, trust and culture."

Carmello

"The European Project Delyramus is: living to create and dreaming to discover the hidden art in the paintings."

Lucas

"Delyramus gives me the possibility and space to create, to live better and to be more independent."

David

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Fundación Ramón Rey Ardid

Asociación Muslyramus

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

Foundation Di Comunita historic center

ADM Estrela

OUR PROJECT

Delyramus is a project whose main priority is audience development, bringing people and culture closer together. In particular, the project focuses on recovering the European musical heritage of the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. The main objectives of the project are:

connecting Early Music and the work of violeros (luthiers) and people with disabilities, especially people with mental illnesses; recovering and promoting European heritage; designing new means of audience development; helping European artists, cultural professionals and their work reach as many people as possible across Europe.

The main results will be: the recovery of more than 15 instruments on which to play early music; the design of artistic workshops for people with disabilities; co-production of a travelling exhibition; organisation of three European cultural events (Spain, Portugal and Italy).



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Polyphony Project

Polyphony Project



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WHO WE ARE

The consortium consists of very different partners, bringing together a range of unique knowledge and experience. These are the Ivan Honchar Museum from Kiev, which is an expert in Ukrainian cultural heritage; dimini Teatro, an expert in narrative building; and Ördögkatlan Fesztivál, organiser of the most important interdisciplinary art festival in Hungary, and host of the Ukrainian Courtyard, our source of inspiration. The project's lead artist is Miklós Both, who provided the core idea and brought the partners and project together with Pro Progressione, the hub of creative ideas.

The project culminates in the funding of a new legal body, Polyphony Nonprofit Ltd, which takes on the legacy of the projects and brings it to other countries and disciplines, and integrates the project into a wider context.



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Testimonial

"You have to protect the prisoner, maintain the infrastructure, the traditions you have to live."

Ferenc Sebő, founder of the Dance House Network (Unesco Cultural Heritage) at the opening of the website, 24/05/2018, Kiev

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Traditional music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

3Ördögkatlan Egyesület (HU), project leader
Ivan Honchar Museum (UA), Di mini Teatro (FR)

OUR PROJECT

The mission of the Polyphony Project is to explore, preserve and present the living musical folklore of Ukrainian villages. In addition to recording the intangible cultural treasures of the Ukrainian peasantry using state-of-the-art technology, our priority is to make this heritage of unparalleled value accessible to contemporary society. Having accumulated over centuries, this legacy is finally available online in an organised form

The project has created the website of www.polyphonyproject.com, which is the most developed system currently world-wide to collect and present musical cultural heritage.

The website is unprecedented insofar as it aims to convey this perspective to society in the broadest sense. It aims to help and guide the broad public. This website is not an end product but a stage in a long-term concept, which hopefully already merits the attention of our target audience. We feel the time has come for us to continue this work in public. The next stage is development. Based on user experiences, the interface will be enhanced with new functions, and by continuously uploading newly collected recordings, the online corpus will keep expanding. We expect the integration of social media and the development of our learning module to open up perspectives in use and popularisation that the involved sub-fields – performance art, education, research, information technologies, etc. – alone would not be capable of.

At this point, dear reader, you may think you can lean back and relax, as the work is done, the recordings are complete. The real challenge, however, is just beginning. If the people do not begin to (re)use these songs after they are recorded, they are bound to have the same fate as dead languages: they disappear from daily use and dwindle into mere subjects of research for a handful of linguists. On the other hand, if they become a part of people's daily lives, this "passive set of data" will be brought back to life.

Your help is needed! Listen to the recordings, learn and sing the songs, pass them on! In exchange, these songs open up a little more each day and there is a good chance they will transmit the messages they contain, giving lifelong support to those who cultivate them. In the course of our several months of field work, we had the heartrending realisation that this wonderful culture is indeed in its final hour. The amount of high quality information we can salvage from the days of yore at the inevitable dawn of a new world depends on your contribution as much as on our work. One thing is certain: if this common goal is realised, the new world will surely be a slightly better place.

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UMSCENE

UNEARTHING THE MUSIC: Sound and Creative Experimentation in Non-democratic Europe

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WHO WE ARE

We are five organisations – music programmers, academic researchers, broadcasters – from five different European countries (Portugal, Latvia, Romania, Hungary and Serbia) all actively interested in the history and stories surrounding experimental music in Europe, particularly in countries and regimes where the conditions for creative freedom were poor throughout the second part of the 20th century.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Experimental Music / Cultural Heritage

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

OUT.RA (Portugal)

Skanu Mezs (Latvia)

Jumatatea plina (Romania)

MTA-BTK (Hungary)

JMU RTS (Serbia)

OUR PROJECT

We aim to shed new light on creative and forward-thinking music made under non-democratic regimes in the later half of the 20th century in Europe. In doing so, we are building upon a previous version of the project funded by the Europe for Citizens programme. Our project tackles fundamental European values such as freedom of expression and of movement (both of people and ideas / artistic works), in a time when roughly half of what is now the EU and the whole European continent was bereft of such basic rights. We put the spotlight on shared historical experiences by revisiting important artistic and cultural legacies.

The project focuses on cooperation between different types of cultural organisations and individuals throughout Europe, with the aim of exploring, documenting, disseminating, interpreting and highlighting the significance and importance of a yet under-appreciated aspect of European cultural heritage. At the same time it aims to establish a dialogue between that legacy and contemporary artistic and social aspects that will inspire new creations and new reflections.


By gathering music, videos, articles, testimonies, opinions and investigative studies in an online resource center, as well as promoting awareness and discussion of this issue, we aim to contribute to an understanding of the how and to what extent it was possible, under the grip of diverse regimes upon the arts in different countries, to maintain a creative mindset, to develop self-expression through innovative music-making, and to contribute to a staple of European Identity such as the creative, adventurous and genre-bending music that is happening right now.

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2020Troubadours

2020Troubadours

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WHO WE ARE

An innovating and multidisciplinary project that uses the positive possibilities of world music to improve the transnational mobility and entrepreneurship of young artists in Europe on the one hand, and a participative project that enhances intercultural dialogue and audience development on the other.

2020Troubadours is a cultural project run by an interesting partnership of cultural NGOs from both Western Europe and the Central-European heart of Europe. What we have in common are world music festivals and cultural operators working in the field of artist management and consultancy. The partnership consists of Via Lactea (Belgium), Wazemmes l'Accordéon Festival (France), the Etnofest Festival (Serbia) and the Mediawave Festival (Hungary). We also have the Centre for Cultural Management (Ukraine) as an associated partner. The partnership also tries to connect with other cultural operators that are active in the field of research into the link between European world music and cultural identity, for instance with partners such as Novi Sad Cultural Capital 2020 (Serbia), Ritmo Festival Budapest (Hungary), Mercat de Music de Vic (Spain) or the Panda Theatre in Berlin (Germany).

Testimonial

"Great to be part of this magical trip, experiencing how the idea has been taking shape and becoming... I'd describe it as a train from the past to the future, a musical locomotive of multicultural Europe... Having to collaborate with someone you meet for the first time and does not share a common language or background with might sound tricky at first, but so far it turned out to be a truly rewarding experience..."

Yuriy GURZHY, musician, Ukraine

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World music

N°. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Via Lactea vzw (Belgium)

Flonflons (France)

Etnofest (Serbia)

Mediawave (Hungary)

Centre for Cultural Management (Ukraine)

OUR PROJECT

#2020Troubadours is a cultural project that aims to improve the transnational mobility of world music artists coming from different European regions, by setting up a series of 'Trouba Labs' (concerts/workshops) and 'Trouba Train Trips'.

Just touring and playing music? No! #2020Troubadours also wants to stimulate the discussion between artists and the audience about the identity crisis the EU is faced with. Because European world music tells us so much about the fascinating 'human history' of Europe: our world music is a vivid exponent of regional cultural traditions. Popular world music helped people survive everywhere in Europe in times of difficult personal or political situations, such as crises, wars, occupations, etc. Unfortunately, it is still like that today.

These days, Europe is confronted with a huge identity crisis: the 'old' Europe tries to give answers to a changing society, to migration, to candidate member states which want to be part of the European dream. Although European world music is a keystone and a storyteller of our extraordinary European past, people are no longer aware of this. Our project aims to show the possibilities of European world music in order to bring people together, to stimulate cultural dialogue and to show that European cultural co-operation is a solid way to counter discrimination and to heal post-war traumas.

2020Troubadours is a project that brings together a set of interesting world music artists from different European regions. With the 'TroubaLabs' we try to give the opportunity to both young and experienced world music artists to exchange ideas and opinions, but also to meet professionals from the world music industry. Doing this, we try to improve the chances for building up a solid career in the music industry. 2020Troubadours clearly makes a statement regarding the identity of the European project in bringing together world music artists from very different European regions: we set up meetings and workshops between artists coming from Spain, Belgium, France with other artists coming from Hungary, Serbia or Croatia, but also Ukraine. Linking up with these regions is a strong message of belief in cooperating with Central European regions that clearly belong to our common European history and identity, even if they are not part of the EU today. Our TrainTrips through these regions are also the perfect tool to get in touch with a large audience, perhaps not interested in our topics 'on first sight', but definitely into it!

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OEOC

One Europe One Caucasus

WHO WE ARE

Our partnership represents the synergy of all partners and combines following elements:

- Each partner has experience in implementing international art projects in a multicultural environment, in working with migrants and refugees and in creative education initiatives.
- The partnership is built on the principle that each partner's contribution is based on its specific potential and expert knowledge while at the same time respecting the character of the project (focusing on the central event and programme One Caucasus in Georgia and the corresponding activities of Inter3Labs in other participating countries).
- Together we represent the diversity of Europe – with:
 - Poland – marking the eastern boundary of Europe and a relatively new member of the EU,
 - Portugal – marking the southwest boundary of Europe and at the same time one of the gateways to the Mediterranean,
 - Austria – one of the central states of European Union, Georgia – a country with strong aspirations towards the EU.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World, Folk, Funk, Rock, Soul, Gospel, Blues, Jazz, Punk, etc.

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

The Other Space Foundation (Fundacja Inna Przestrzeń)

One Caucasus NGO (Georgia)

IZ - Verein zur Förderung von Vielfalt Dialog und Bildung (Austria)

Oficina da Courela Associação (Portugal)

OUR PROJECT

The project consists of three modules of actions:

1. One Caucasus Program and Festival - in this module we use a unique space for developing new international and interdisciplinary art and educational initiatives in Kvemo-Kartli, the most multi-ethnic region of Georgia (in the borderland of Armenia and Azerbaijan). The module consists of two editions of an international festival with a new format (a free-access, participant-oriented, multi-actor festival that brings together art and education) and a long-term educational programme led by teams of art and culture educators from EU and non-EU states.
2. "Inter3Labs". This name comes from the multi-layered character of the projects that will be Inter-disciplinary (engaging artists, experts, and practitioners representing various disciplines), international (teams working in each lab will consist of people from different countries), and inter-sectoral (combining the work of institutions coming from both civil society and the public institutions sector). The Inter3Lab will consist of interdisciplinary research-based activities that go beyond the concept of art residency. Inter3Labs will aim to inspire change in specific contexts where artists, educators and experts will work together with particular social groups at risk of social exclusion (with a special focus on migrants and refugees).
3. OEOC multimedia and follow up. The third module of the project combines the synergy of both modules and aims to create space for using the results of modules I and II also in other countries and by other actors. The new open-access media channel with five documentary films (presenting two editions of One Caucasus Program and Festival and three Inter3Labs) and five educational animations (presenting know-how used and practised in the framework of our project and other relevant interdisciplinary and non-commercial initiatives).

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MOST

The complex strategy to develop the balkan world music scene

WHO WE ARE

MOST was launched by nine project partners, each bringing their own network and expertise. The consortium lead is Hangvető (HU), one of the major actors in world music in the CEE region. Hangvető hosted the largest international world music event WOMEX in 2015, and again in 2020 in Budapest.

EXIT Foundation (SRB) is part of the EXIT Festival team that focuses on social activism.

Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels (BE), is a driving force behind international artistic initiatives designed to strengthen ties in Europe and with other continents.

Piranha Arts – WOMEX (DE) is a Berlin-based independent creative company behind the leading world music showcase, conference and the World Music Expo.

Songlines (UK), is the definitive magazine for world music – music that has its roots in all parts of the globe.

ReK – Remont Kapital Culture Center (AL) is an interdisciplinary and international team (Albanian, Italian and Belgian) involved in arts, music, architecture, urban planning and performing.

Fusion Embassy (BG) is a Bulgarian organisation promoting mainly young Bulgarian musical talents.

Timișoara 2023- European Capital of Culture Association (RO)

European Music Council (DE), is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the development and promotion of all genres and types of music in Europe.

OUR PROJECT

The mission of MOST is to boost the music market of the Balkans by connecting and supporting actors in the world music scene: artists, managers, festivals and institutions. We plan to channel the creative potential and cultural riches of the region into the European bloodstream of the industry, and ensure the sector's sustainable growth through our complex training programme. MOST builds a bridge connecting the Balkans and the global music market, a bridge made up of personal connections, experience and exchange. Music, more specifically world-, traditional-, ethno- and related genres are especially suitable for cultural exchange, opening vistas and preserving heritage – the core values of the MOST project.

MOST is aimed at artists, bands, managers, bookers, agents, promoters, event managers, club owners, festival managers and all world music professionals who are ready and keen to step onto the global scene. As MOST also has an urban policy branch connecting cities and the music industry, urban creatives, decision makers, activists, public servants, NGOs, students and researchers working with culture and urban planning are also part of the project's target group.

Testimonial

"MOST Music is a continuous source of inspiration for me. It is one of the most ambitious and far-reaching projects we've ever worked on with the consortium lead Hangvető. That's why it's such a pride for us to already see the success of participating bands and managers at WOMEX and online – I hope that MOST played at least a small part in helping them stay above water during the current crisis of the music market."

Balázs WEYER, Programme Director, Hangvető

GENERAL INFORMATION


Field: World-, traditional-, ethno- and related genres

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 9

Name of partners (including project leader):

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 MOST

AWAKEN

Awakening Sleeping Instruments in Europe



Awakening sleeping instruments in Santa Maria del Pi © Aj Ripoll

WHO WE ARE

The Ripoll City Council is the leading entity of the project and has the role of coordinating and communicating the project at international level. It also guarantees an important part of the budget, by providing an exhibition with a film showing history through art, sculpture, architecture and music in medieval times. Also, in addition to organising the concerts, it also organises educational performances using medieval musical instruments and performances by different musical groups from France, Italy and Cyprus. Our partners are:

- 1- Trob'Art Productions, a French organisation focusing on rigorous research and practice, aiming to spread the lyrical art of the troubadours of the 12th and 13th centuries and the art of sung poetry.
- 2- Paraplevros Productions, from Nicosia in Cyprus, has been active since 2009 with the aims of non-profit, empowered and self-sufficient artistic production and the provision of infrastructure for independent artists.
- 3- Associazione Culturale Labyrinth Italia is a cultural association in Italy which aims to spread knowledge and practice of modal music traditions in Italy and is part of the Labyrinth network.
- 4- Association of Modal Music in Cardedeu is a part of the Labyrinth Musical Workshop of Crete in Greece, established in Catalunya, Spain. Its goal is the initiation of primarily young people into a creative approach to traditional musical idioms from various parts of the world.



Awakening sleeping instruments.Vall de Boi © Aj Ripoll

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Medieval music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

AJUNTAMENT DE RIPOLL- SPAIN

Trob'art Productions (FR) , Paraplevros Productions (CY),
Associazione Culturale Labyrinth Italia (IT), Associació
Música Modl in Cardedeu (ES)

OUR PROJECT

The main objective of Awakening Sleeping Instruments in Europe (AWAKEN) is to set up a transnational cooperation mechanism in order to explore, discover and promote the connection between the medieval musical heritage of EU countries, depicted in monuments and manuscripts, and the living modal musical traditions of oral heritage, popular, classical and spiritual music as well as instrument-making both in Europe and in other Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries. Modal music exists in an area of continuous cultural interaction and indeed inseparable historical identities and connections, which are needed to contextualise the medieval heritage of Europe. Through this connection, as well as the recreation and interpretation of the musical instruments from the Middle Ages, the project will reconnect European citizens with their common past, transmitting important values, spirit, traditions and stories of medieval Europe through the magic of music and instruments, and will also promote awareness of the value and connection to oral heritage and living popular and classical traditions of neighbouring countries to Europe.

AWAKEN involves the recreation of the instruments depicted in wood with professional musicians from Cyprus, Spain, France and Italy, making them sound again for a wide and new public. More than 50 concerts have been organised around the emblematic medieval monuments to attract visitors' attention. These have been complemented by awareness-raising seminars and educational workshops on the reconstruction of medieval instruments. A film has been made to show the medieval instruments and musical concerts. These new medieval songs and music were brought together in a CD-book.

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MMM

Migratory Music Manifesto

WHO WE ARE

Migratory Music Manifesto is a project orchestrated by Musiques de Nuit Diffusion, based near Bordeaux in France, which brings together Belgian (Muziekpubliek and European Network of Cultural Centres), German (Alba Kultur), Italian (Abusuan Intercultura) and Greek (EDRA) partners in a mission of intercultural dialogue and integration of migrants and refugees, based on music and the valorisation of mother tongues. More broadly, the partners work with world and traditional music professionals (REFA – Belgium, Miksi – France), social organisations specialised in the integration of migrants, and researchers and journalists.

Their combined knowledge of world music and their ability to highlight minority cultures allows the consortium to work on the development of tools to combat glottophobia (discrimination and racism based on contempt for the language of the other).

Testimonials

"They lived from their music in their country, were often famous and lost everything once they arrived in France. We want to help them and help them to find their profession as artists. Migratory Music Manifesto has this ambition."

Patrick DUVAL – Director of Musiques de Nuit Diffusion

"My real place is on stage with an instrument."

Yamen ALYAMANI – musician and member of Miksi

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

Musiques de Nuit Diffusion (Le Rocher de Palmer) – France

Muziekpubliek (BE), Alba Kultur (DE), Abusuan Intercultura (IT), Europees Network Culturele Centra IVZW (BE), CNRS - Institut ARI (FR), EDRA (EL)

OUR PROJECT

Migratory Music Manifesto aims to improve understanding with and of migrants and refugees in Europe through music. Organisations in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Greece will develop materials and methods for mediators to promote transcultural dialogue and the participation of migrants and refugees through music. Knowledge about world music can:

- promote the acceptance of cultural minorities in urban environments in Europe;
- encourage multipliers and mediators to use new methods and materials in their work to promote multilingualism;
- reduce prejudice towards other languages and people in schools, children and youth institutions and other cultural organisations and projects.

The project aims to create digital collections of materials in five languages that will be made available for the cultural and educational sector. To this end, international artist residencies will be held, bringing together musicians and audiences with and without a migration background, collecting information on the intangible and musical heritage of selected cultures, and offering mentoring courses.



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NuFolk

NuFolk Global Connections

WHO WE ARE

We are six European cultural organisations running six international folk music festivals. We share the same objectives but with the added value of also sharing heterogeneous experiences. Each partner has a team of musicians, cultural operators and festival organisers. The mission of Associazione culturale Darshan, the Italian leading partner, is the enhancement and dissemination of the musical traditions of Sicily and south Italy compared to other European cultures. The Danish organisation has 25 years of experience in organising events related to folk and world music, and has received awards and distinctions for the high quality of its musical programming. The Hungarian organisation is a large for-profit organisation with extensive experience in organising festivals and recording albums.

The Belgian organisation has over the years established a tradition of using culture and local heritage as a lever for economic development in its own (rural) areas and far beyond. It has been organising festivals for 40 years.

The Latvian organisation has supported cultural processes and professional culture management in Latvia since 2003. Since 2013 KMC 'Lauska' has also organised the Ethno Festival 'SVIESTS'.

The Spanish organisation has been organising music events, tours and concerts all over the world since 2003.

Testimonial

"NuFolk Global Connections brings to Sicily the best music in Europe."

La Sicilia newspaper, 4 November 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Folk music, World music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 6

Name of partners (including project leader):

Associazione Culturale Darshan (IT)

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Nordboerne, Kelterne & Økologerne (DK)

ZW Festival Dranouter (BE)

MiraMundo (ES)

Culture management centre Lauska, biedriba (LV)

OUR PROJECT

Nu-folk Global Connections is a project that aims to create connections between European musicians and cultural operators in the contemporary folk scene.

After an artists' residence that took place in January 2020 in Italy, NuFolk Global Connections became a European Folk Orchestra of 12 musicians from six countries, who had the opportunity to create an original production of contemporary folk music and to make it circulate across Europe.

The word NuFolk in fact means new folk, contemporary folk. Folk music allows people to feel a connection to their country, and through a contemporary work of creative interconnection it increases mutual understanding and cooperation. It is an active encounter between musicians of different cultures, open to dialogue and cultural exchange, for mutual enhancement.



NuFolk Global Connections © Giuseppe Lombardo

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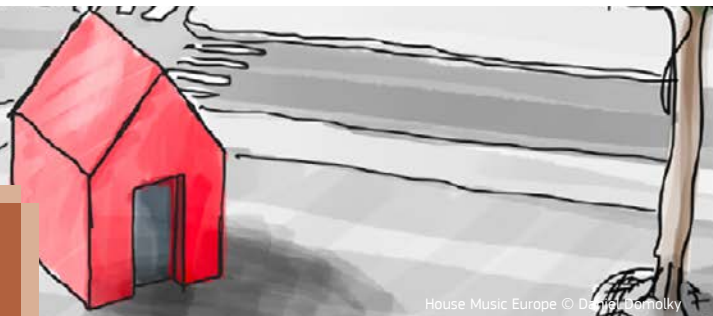
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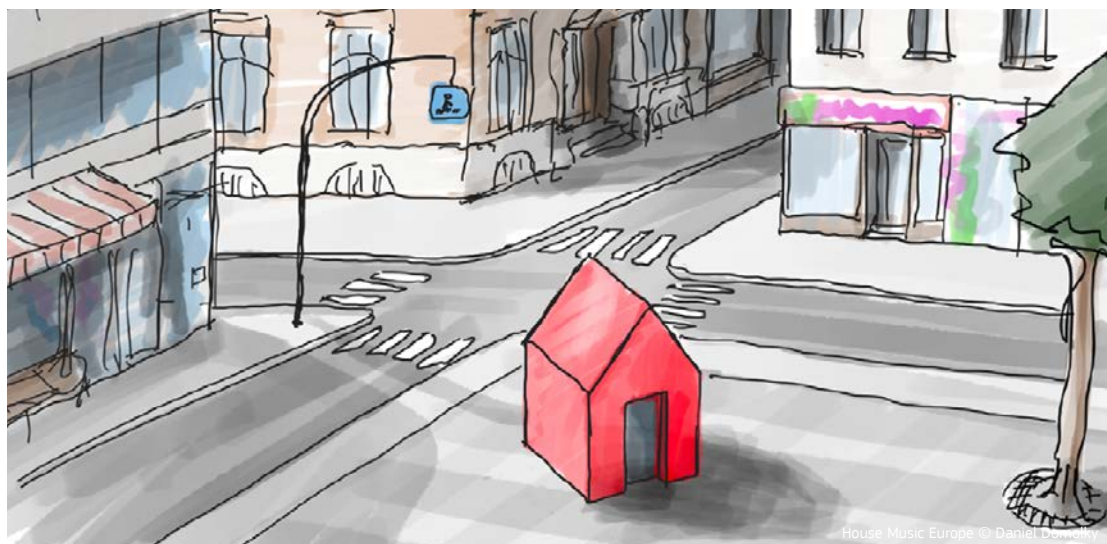
House Music Europe © Daniel Bolyai

WHO WE ARE

The partners of the project are new music organisations from four European countries: Hungary (lead), Spain, Serbia and Austria. All of them run new (contemporary) music festivals.

OUR PROJECT

House.Music.Europe. – an oral history-based art-project created in cooperation by four European new music organisations in four countries: Hungary, Austria, Serbia and Spain. Our project combines music and other art forms as well as social and technical research. Its centrepiece is a portable house-shaped installation collecting, processing and sonifying data from simple storytelling actions carried out by participating individuals from diverse communities. It involves 12 young artists from different genres selected through an international call in order to create sonification algorithms and further collective works based on the collected materials.



House Music Europe © Daniel Bolyai

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: New music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

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TREMOLO

TRans-European Music Organizations Linked Organically



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WHO WE ARE

Our TREMOLO project creates an organic link between three cultural NGOs active in the fields of music and cultural heritage. The project will be centred around three world music festivals already established at local and regional level in Italy (Marranzano World Fest), Hungary (Csipero Youth Festival) and Serbia (Malom Festival), allowing them to actively support the international mobility of young artists and cultural operators from peripheral areas of Europe.

The three partners have different histories, sizes and organisational standards, but we all share common values and a positive effort towards the preservation and enhancement of traditional music and local cultural heritage, not expressed through the replication and 'musification' of the masterpieces of the folk culture of the past, but through the contemporary use of traditional instruments, techniques and repertoires that are still useful and meaningful in today's global culture. Another common foundation is the belief in the power of music to unite people of different ages, languages and cultures, creating common ground where the preservation and appreciation of diversity becomes an added value for the development of a new European identity.

OUR PROJECT

TREMOLO wants to bridge the gap between the compelling creativity of living music traditions and the international music scene. It will function as a fluid infrastructure that will help young artists and cultural operators to travel across Europe, to exchange good practices, share experiences and expand working opportunities, within the multicultural and stimulating context of an expanding network of world music festivals.

We believe in the power of music to unite people of different ages, languages and cultures, creating common ground where the preservation and appreciation of diversity becomes an added value for the emergence of a new European identity. Our project will develop, promote and implement innovative strategies for safeguarding intangible heritage at the local level, while at the same time promoting intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and integration between different cultures, whereby a stronger sense of our common European cultural heritage is created by safeguarding local diversities.

The project will also support the mentoring of young world music talents and provide opportunities for them to perform in target locations. Each partner selects the best band that comprises four-to-five local young people, who are then provided with the help and support of a mentor so that they can prepare for an international tour and perform at the festivals of the partner associations in the summer of 2021. The mentee bands of each partner create joint musical pieces in cooperation with their mentors, and compile the concert programme. This international cooperation enables the composition of new pieces and concert programmes, which can be performed to audiences at the summer festivals of each partner in 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: World music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

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GMAF

Give Music a Future

Lithuania © Mindaugas Mikulėnas

WHO WE ARE

The lead organisation of GMAF was EMCY, a network of music competitions across Europe dedicated to connecting music competitions and promoting young musicians Europe-wide. EMCY stands for musical excellence, promoting youth and European cooperation.

The UGDA Music School organises extracurricular activities at national and international level for young musicians.

The Flying Gorillas provide training for professional and emerging artists through cross-artform workshops with young people.

Stichting Musonia promotes classical music for a diverse audience by developing e.g. new concert formats.

Natų knygynas and Balys Dvarionas Foundation have a long tradition in national and international educational events and in promoting musical talents.

The BT Music School introduces children and young people to music, theatre and dance and organises projects for underprivileged, mentally and physically handicapped people.

JM Spain has long experience in supporting active musical participation at all levels and the global exchange of musicians, experts and teachers.

Testimonial

"GIVE MUSIC A FUTURE was a unique experience that inspired me in many ways. It made me realise how music can connect people from different countries and social backgrounds and how it can spread joy and happiness among all people."

Beatrice PICARD, 18.03.2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical Music, Pop and Jazz Music, Theatre, Dance; Photography, Film, Video, Digital and Decorative arts

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 8

Name of partners (including project leader):

The European Union of Music Competitions for Youth (EMCY, project leader, Germany), Ecole de Musique de l'Union Gran-Duc Adolphe (UGDA Music School, Luxembourg), Flying Gorillas (UK), Stichting Musonia (the Netherlands), Natų knygynas and Balys Dvarionas Charity and Support Foundation (Lithuania), BT Music and Performing Arts School for Children and Young Adults (Turkey), Juventudes Musicales de España (JM Spain, Spain).

OUR PROJECT

GIVE MUSIC A FUTURE was an international learning laboratory, in which young musicians from all over Europe tried and experienced how to attract and relate to different audiences.

The musicians learned to play and perform in different countries, settings and formats and reached out to different audiences using specific techniques. The collaboration with other artists, culture professionals and music teachers supported the young musicians in acquiring knowledge and real-life experiences, something that no book or lesson can teach. This gave them the chance to discover how to involve people of different age groups, social, cultural and national backgrounds in musical spectacles, including those originally not interested in classical music, unrepresented social groups and people in difficult social circumstances. To achieve this, GIVE MUSIC A FUTURE proposed a diverse set of activities: international workshops on audience communication, interactive performances, reach-out sessions with young refugees, immigrants and under-represented groups, musical theatre for families, interdisciplinary concerts with video arts and professional orchestras; an international premiere of a contemporary composition and online competitions with one rule- everything except the classical repertoire and performance. The activities were carried out in seven European countries and played by highly talented, emerging musicians, previously selected and awarded by the partners' competitions. Every single activity was assessed systematically by the musicians and partners and built the basis for the project's long-term strategy: transferable guidelines for audience development, for example at youth music competitions or festivals.

For more information and the guidelines: www.emcy.org



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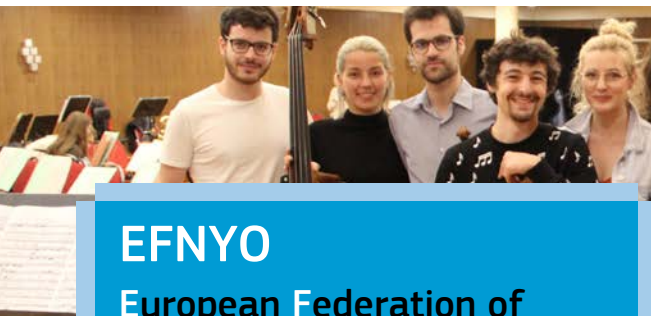
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EFNYO

European Federation of National Youth Orchestras



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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1994, the European Federation of National Youth Orchestras and its 38 member organisations provide a platform for the exchange of expertise in music training and performance, intercultural dialogue and collaboration between the leading national youth orchestras in Europe (including Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom).

Under the major focus of its programme MusXchange – which aims to foster transnational mobility, strengthen skills and audience building – EFNYO offers first-rate education to young pre-professional musicians. Besides Europe, activities are stretching out increasingly to Canada, the USA, South America, Asia, and Australia.

EFNYO considers it its duty to deal with cultural policy changes relevant to both music education and the profession. Its objectives are to guarantee a productive and healthy environment for training new generations of musicians and to enhance adequate economic and social structures for cultural organisations and audiences throughout the EU.

Testimonials

"MusXchange contributes to the cultural exchange of European citizens and brings us closer to each other."

Laurens ASAMOAH, Portugal

"Thank you so much for giving us this inspiration. It once again showed me how great it is to be a musician."

Irem MERCAN, Austria

"J'ai vécu une expérience magnifique, qui restera à jamais dans ma tête. (...) J'ai pu rencontrer des personnalités incroyables, des musiciens fantastiques, j'ai énormément appris sur moi."

Benoît ZAHRA, France

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical and contemporary music, orchestra practice, capacity building - training and education

N° and type of members (including project leader): 13

Name of partners (including project leader):

EFNYO – European Federation of National Youth Orchestras;
WJO – Wiener Jeunesse Orchester; JONDE – Joven Orquesta Nacional de España; OFJ – Orchestre Français des Jeunes; JOA – Jeune Orchestre Atlantique; NJO – Nationaal Jeugdorkest; OGI – Orchestra Giovanile Italiana; ORT – Orchestra Română de Tineret; NYOS – National Youth Orchestra of Scotland; CYSO – Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra; MNYO – Moldovan National Youth Orchestra; BJO – Bundesjugendorchester Germany; SYO – Slovak Youth Orchestra

OUR PROJECT

Exchange programme "MusXchange"

EFNYO strongly believes in the value of short-term mobility projects in professional music training. The first musicians' exchanges between partner orchestras took place in 1996. The programme's title "MusXchange" was introduced in 2009 at a time when major EU funding was granted to the consortium selected as one of 9 "pilot mobility projects" in the European Union. The transnational programme enables musicians aged between 18 and 26 to gather mobility experience by participating in projects and tours of partner orchestras throughout Europe.

Currently in its fourth cycle 2018-20, MusXchange gathers EFNYO (coordinator) and 12 full project partners from 11 different countries. With a further 28 associated and 9 networking partners, the programme involves more than 40 countries in Europe and beyond. Joint activities range from mobility projects in symphonic projects to bi-lateral chamber music projects, internships with professional orchestras, workshops and site visits for managers, intensive boot camps for young musicians, and two new centres of performance, resources and excellence in France and the Netherlands.

By enabling young musicians to gain orchestral practice over a period of 10 days to 6 weeks in partner orchestras abroad, they will discover new repertoires and experience different performance styles and orchestra traditions. Participating in projects abroad contributes to their competitiveness and gives them the opportunity to meet great conductors, tutors and young fellow musicians in a different cultural environment. Experiences gained allow them to improve as a person and musician with a view to shaping their careers, helping them to develop social, intercultural and communication skills, and opening up new ways of engaging with audiences and developing creative business models as young entrepreneurs.

At the end of the current cycle, the programme will have embraced a total of 1,200 young musicians. A wide range of enthusiastic responses have been received in the evaluation process, including personal feedback from musicians and managers as well as statistical data about incoming/outgoing mobility. The opportunity to get to know other orchestras' ways of working are described as a great experience none of the participants would want to miss. In their testimonials, musicians describe how the positive effects of getting out of their comfort zone had an impact on their personal and musical development, self-confidence, resilience, and language skills. Close bonds have been established between musicians and result in friendships which last beyond the project's duration.

"MusXchange" truly represents a wonderful example of the empowerment of youth and musical excellence throughout the European Union.

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EUYO

The Great Mosaic - Celebrating Europe's



EUYO 11 April 2019 concert in Ferrara © Marco Caselli Nirmal

WHO WE ARE

Lead partner the European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO) is one of the world's pre-eminent symphony orchestras. It draws its circa 160 members and 120 reserve members a year from all (currently 28) EU Member States each year from thousands of hopeful applicants in physical auditions in all EU countries. The EUYO was established by unanimous vote of the European Parliament and the patronage of the EU Commission in 1976.

Residency partners are Ferrara Musica as the Principal Italian Residency Partner, Grafenegg as Principal Venue Partner and Bolzano Festival Bozen as Summer Residency Partner.

The EUYO project operates in collaboration with National Associate Partners in every EU Member State, who are a combination of state institutions, music academies, youth orchestras and national broadcasters. National Associate Partners hold annual auditions and are responsible for memberships at a national level.

Testimonial

"the best possible ambassador for the European Union"
Jean-Claude JUNCKER, former President of the EU Commission
"A youthful triumph of orchestral perfection"

"Magnifique", «sublime»
Le Figaro, 2018
"possibly the best youth orchestra in the world"

"startlingly talented"
The Observer, 2018
"simply great. Gushes with youthful vigor"

"the cream of Europe's talent"
Gazeta Prawna, 2018
"they dazzled us ... unleashing almost unbearable passions"
London Times, 2018
UK Guardian, 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Classical music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 32

Name of partners (including project leader):

EUYO, FerraraMusica, Grafenegg, BolzanoFestival, Wiener Jeunesse, BOZAR, National Music School L.Pipkov, JeunessesMusicalesCroatia, CSOFcyprus, ARS/KONCERT, KongeligeDanskeMusikkonservatorium, Eesti Muusika, Sibelius-Akatemia, NYOFrance, H.Eisler Music School, MegaronThessaloniki, Kreatív Európa Hungary, NYO Ireland, RAI, Latvian Music Academy, Lithuanian Academy Music&Theatre, Luxembourg Ministère de la Culture, Malta Philharmonic, NYO Netherlands, Ministry of Culture Poland, Direcção-Geral das Artes Portugal, Romanian Cultural Institute Music Centre Slovakia, Ljubljana Conservatory, Ministerio Education Cultura y Deporte Spain, Gothenburg Academy Music&Drama, NYOGB

OUR PROJECT

The Great Mosaic celebrated the EU's European Year of Cultural Heritage with a major 6-week tour of 19 performances across Europe - many as free events - with an orchestra of young musicians from every EU member state.

50 European compositions, including a world premiere by young Polish composer Agata Zubel, headed a programme conducted by Manfred Honeck and Gianandrea Noseda with soloists Thomas Hampson, Luca Pisoni, Michael Nagy, Krešimir Stražanac, Rudolf Buchbinder and Chopin competition prizewinner Seong-Jin Cho.

Concerts in EU cities occurred in Amsterdam, Berlin, Bolzano, Ferrara, Grafenegg, London, Stresa, Vienna and Warsaw. Festivals and venues included the BBC Proms, the Chopin and his Europe Festival, Berlin's Young Euro Classic Festival, Grafenegg Festival, the Amsterdam Robeco series, Bolzano Festival Bozen, and Vienna's MuseumsQuartier.

Events included a Vienna Stephansdom Concert for Peace commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World-War I, the world premiere of Fireworks by the female Polish composer Agata Zubel commissioned by the Adam Mickiewicz Institute to celebrate the centenary of Poland's independence and by the EUYO to celebrate the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

The project brought together 120 of Europe's finest young classical musicians from all 28 EU countries, plus guests from the Shanghai Orchestra Academy as part of the EUYO's Global Exchange Programme and the EU's Experience Europe programme. 12 expert European teachers with a global breadth of experience in the music industry helped to teach the young Europeans. The musicians were selected from an intensive 3-month audition process carried out in all 28 EU Member States, which involved more than three thousand young European musicians.

The majority of events were free innovative performances for new audiences, including the EUYO's audience engagement projects Close Up, The Music Gallery and The Late Night Sessions created with the EUYO's summer home and principal venue partner Grafenegg, and Spazio Klassik, produced with the Orchestra's residency partner Bolzano Festival Bozen, all as part of the Creative Europe 'Towards 2020' programme.

The tour showcased the high quality international work of young Europeans celebrating Europe's rich cultural history and its vibrant contemporary scene as a contribution to the EU's European Year of Cultural Heritage. It also formed part of the EUYO's Creative Europe programme 2014-2020, which advances the agenda of Creative Europe in transnational work, the training of young Europeans, the engagement of new audiences, the creation of new business models and digital innovation.

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KIDS CAN

KIDS CAN

WHO WE ARE

The Kids Can project is run by three big names from the European jazz scene. The lead partner JazzDanmark is the national organisation for jazz in Denmark and Danish jazz abroad. JazzDanmark supports and promotes the growth and value of Danish jazz, both within Denmark and abroad through the creation and development of new collaborations, partnerships, projects and experiences, and by encouraging participation and awareness. The two co-partners of the project are Jazzkaar, an Estonian jazz festival taking place in Tallinn since 1990 and known as the biggest jazz festival of the Baltic states, and Hot Clube de Portugal in Lisbon - Europe's oldest jazz club. The club runs an acclaimed jazz school for children called Escola de Jazz Luiz Villas-Boas. The project also teams up with various local partners involved with journalism, as well as local promotion of the concerts.



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OUR PROJECT

Kids Can is a European interdisciplinary touring programme for young jazz talents, focusing on recruitment of young audiences and a revitalization of the way jazz is communicated to children. The project runs for three years and connects kids from three different European countries. Overall, 21 young musicians and journalists from Estonia, Portugal and Denmark participate each year, chosen by the partners who all have extensive experience in the youth jazz field. At each edition, the kids engage in a creative workshop space, rehearsing and receiving supervision, before performing for the public at the Kids Can stage. The young journalists will interact and communicate on behalf of the bands, encouraging a new take on audience interaction.

There is an increasing focus on new ways to introduce children to the world of music, both in terms of playing and listening. In the 'children's jazz' area, programming often consist of adults playing for children. Kids Can combines the proud tradition of musical education in Europe, with a vision of showcasing talented children on European stages, playing for their same-age peers. The project aims to prove that children can play just as emotionally and genuinely as adult musicians, and that hearing a musician your own age might inspire you to become a musician yourself.

The transnational mobility achieved through the tour will serve as a collection and catalyst of new knowledge and approaches to music education in and around the participating countries. The workshops will furthermore enforce peer learning and intercultural dialogue.

The project is a great success so far, and has created the possibility for young kids to play at some very prestigious and large venues and festivals all around Europe and has inspired numerous audiences across countries and ages.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Jazz

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 3

Name of partners (including project leader):

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YAM

Young Audience Music

YAM Session © Jacob Nielsen

WHO WE ARE

The overall aim of in the Blackboard Music Project was to consolidate a European network of organisations that work with professional concerts for young audiences (Young Audiences Music - YAM) and create more and better concerts for children of all ages across Europe.

The ten partners in the project represented eight different European countries. They consisted of Jeunesses Musicales International (JMI) – the largest youth music NGO globally – and nine national organisations – all members of the JMI network – that work within the field of Young Audiences Music. Project Lead was Levende Musik i Skolen (LMS), Denmark.



YAM Session © Jacob Nielsen

Testimonial

"I really feel that YAM opens a window and gives us inspiration. Looking into different cultures with artists creating and performing for children of all ages is so important for our world today."

Elfa Lilja GÍSLADÓTTIR from List fyrir alla, Iceland,
Participant in YAMsession 2016.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Professional concerts for young audiences in a wide range of genres: folk, world, jazz, classical, opera, experimental etc. – basically all genres that most children and young people don't encounter in their daily lives.

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 10

Name of partners (including project leader):

Levende Musik i Skolen, Denmark; Jeunesses Musicales International; Jeunesses Musicales Croatia/Hrvatska Glazbena Mladetz; Jeugd en Muziek Vlaanderen, Belgium; Jeunesses Musicales Wallonie-Bruxelles, Belgium; Konserttikeskus, Finland; Jeunesses Musicales France; Jeunesses Musicales Macedonia; Rikskonsertene, Norway; Jeunesses Musicales Sverige, Sweden.

OUR PROJECT

The Blackboard Music Project set out to give children across Europe magical music moments; to open their eyes to new musical genres and cultures, and share moments of joy, excitement and wonder through professional live concerts.

From November 2014 to December 2016, the project activities aimed to bring together organisers, producers and music groups, in order to collectively build competencies among Young Audiences Music YAM professionals and develop and strengthen the YAM field across Europe.

The partners met at three YAMsessions and five national showcases around Europe. More than 200 high-class YAM concerts took place as part of the project activities. Almost 8000 children and around 1700 industry professionals experienced the many concerts and events that took place in Croatia, Finland, Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden and Belgium. Finally, each project partner sent between one and three YAM music groups abroad to perform at a YAMsession or a national showcase in a different country.

The two major outputs of the project were the establishment of YAMsession and the web platform YAMspace.

YAMsession includes showcases of the best young audience productions from Europe and the world, a dynamic Producers' Forum where two international producers work live to make a good YAM production great, and a wide range of thought-provoking presentations and discussions from international speakers. The first YAMsession took place in Umeaa, Sweden, and was also the kick-off for the Blackboard Music Project.

Since then YAMsession has continued to be the annual platform where YAM organisers, producers and musicians from all over Europe meet, and in October 2019 YAMsession will take place in Horsens, Denmark.

YAMspace.org was created as a common web-platform with news, events and a major LEARN section and toolkit containing video material – talks, documentaries, and interviews – articles, research and much more. The joint knowledge of the partners is accumulated in one place, and the website continues to be a useful source of knowledge and inspiration for anyone with an interest in the Young Audiences Music field.

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YAM BLACKBOARD MUSIC PROJECT

Future Songwriting

Future Songwriting

WHO WE ARE

Future Songwriting brings together students and teachers, universities and scholars studying teacher education and music technology, music professionals, as well as national copyright organisations representing them.

Future Songwriting project consortium consists of seven partners and two subcontracting partners from six different EU countries.



Testimonial

"Future Songwriting provided great tools for me and all schools in Kempele for the future! The students worked independently on their own songs in small groups even though they were 9 to 10 years old. I was completely blown away by the results of the INTO SCHOOL method, and the amazing finalised songs by students!"

Jussi RASINKANGAS, Teacher - Santamäki School, Kempele, Finland

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music, music education, music technology, music production, composing, creativity, culture, copyright

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 7

Name of partners (including project leader):

Finnish Composers' Copyright Society (TEOSTO), Finland ; Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers of Music (SACEM), France; University of the Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy, Finland; Pompeu Fabra University - Music Technology Group, Spain; University of Cologne, Germany; Musical Futures, UK & Artisjus, Hungary

OUR PROJECT

Future Songwriting addresses one of the most urgent and important areas in music education in Europe today, namely the use of modern technology in teaching and learning music. While technology has become an important and natural part of the everyday life of children, many schools in many countries still struggle to fully utilise the opportunities offered by technology.

Practical implementation of Future Songwriting consists of three key parts: workshops for teachers; teachers' further training and professional learning development; and creative school pilot projects in Finland, France and Germany.

During the school pilots, children and young people get to compose, write lyrics, arrange, record and produce their own songs and works on school premises. Creating, composing and expressing oneself musically by using technology does not require prior knowledge or education in music theory, or the ability to play traditional instruments. The results of the creative work are presented in project closing parties to the entire school and parents.

Future Songwriting is based on the implementation of the INTO SCHOOL concept, which has been widely and successfully tested and applied across Finland.

INTO SCHOOL is developed by an award-winning composer and producer team consisting of Finnish experts in education, music and technology. The concept is based on the recently introduced National Core Curricula in Finland in which the use of technology, creativity and active participation are pivotal parts of transversal competences in K-12 education.

Future Songwriting enables teachers to develop new, experiential and interactive learning environments and to strengthen the role and status of creative production in music education. The project offers teachers the necessary skills and tangible tools for using technology in their work while promoting innovative and creative music education. The most important silent outcome of the project is expected to be the social impact resulting from the application of the INTO SCHOOL concept. By facilitating equal opportunities for creative music-making, the concept can play a significant part in preventing exclusion and social marginalisation; supporting children's interpersonal skills, self-esteem, and personal growth; and even inspiring young people to pursue a career in music.

Future Songwriting creates a platform for more versatile music education and learning environments, with an emphasis on equal opportunities for creative self-expression, collaboration and active cultural creation for children and young people in the EU.

The overarching theme of the songs created in Future Songwriting is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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BIG BANG

the European adventurous music PROJECT for children



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WHO WE ARE

BIG BANG is a festive ode to adventurous music and sound art for young audiences. Several big cultural houses in Europe (and since 2019 also the NAC/CNA in Ottawa, Canada) transform their venue into an adventurous musical labyrinth every year. On their journey, the young audience is faced with and will experience a colourful musical programme of music performances, sound installations and concerts. BIG BANG is not just a festival for young audiences but also involves them as participants.

Testimonials

“Cultural discrimination against children seems to be one of the last acceptable apartheid in our society. Complex creative music always seems to happen in places and at times that exclude the “under age”, abandoning them and their musical education to commerce and bland, sterile “young people’s music”. So enlightened parents will be thankful for the Ark and the Europe-wide BIG BANG festival, programmed with the participation of children themselves.”

Cormac LARKIN, 6 April 2019, The Irish Times

“Zonzo take children seriously: that’s their secret. To them, children are not childlike. There is plenty for adults to discover too. They finally get to listen to music the way children do: with no preconceived ideas. With an open mind.”

Madalena WALLENSTEIN, BIG BANG Lisbon

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Variety of genres and styles from jazz to classical music

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 12

Name of partners (including project leader):

Zonzo Compagnie (Antwerp, BE), BOZAR (Brussels, BE), Centro Cultural de Belém (Lisbon, PT), Instituto de la Cultura y las Artes de Sevilla (ES), Onassis Cultural Centre (Athens, GR), Opéra de Lille (FR), Opéra de Rouen (FR), Wilmintheater & Muziekcentrum Enschede (NL), The Ark (Dublin, IE), Eesti Kontsert (Tallinn, EE), City of Reykjavik (IS), AAP Media (Antwerp, BE) Associated partners: National Arts Centre/Centre National des Arts (Ottawa, CA), De Bijloke (Ghent, BE), deSingel (Antwerp, BE), Opéra de Rennes (FR)

OUR PROJECT

BIG BANG – the European adventurous music PROJECT for children is the result of an intensive dialogue between a growing number of European organisations involved in music for children. The joint initiative stems from a common concern for stimulating the artistic quality of non-commercial music for children in Europe. The initiative was created through consultations on the perceived need for facilitating cross-border dialogue and structural cooperation. It is a distinctly European project, with strong organisational partners, which needs the support from the EU to accomplish its European mission.

The project focuses on musicians, sound artists, composers and ensembles that regard the experience and creation of music as an adventure. The project is also aimed at organisers who wish to take innovative steps to make every child’s visit to a concert a strong experience, and at cultural workers focussing on involving underrepresented audiences.



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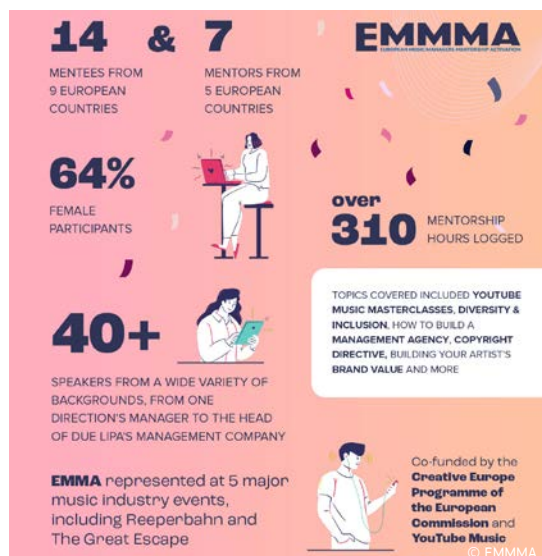
EMMMA

European Music Managers Mentorship Activation

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WHO WE ARE

Music managers' forums are organisations that support managers working in the field of music. Our umbrella organisation European Music Managers Alliance (EMMA) provides a focused and representative point of contact to engage with professional music managers across Europe, enabling constructive dialogue with the industry and policymakers. EMMA brings together music manager representative bodies from the UK, France, Sweden, the Netherlands, Poland, Norway and Finland – with links to allied organisations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. In total, EMMA collectively represents over 800 managers across Europe, and another 600 worldwide.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Education

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

Manager's Forum Finland (FI)

Music Managers Forum Sweden (SE)

Norwegian Entertainment Managers & Agents

Association NEMAA (NO)

Music Manager Forum France (FR)

Music Manager Forum Netherlands (NL)

OUR PROJECT

Music managers' organisations working under the umbrella organisation European Music Managers Alliance (EMMA) have launched a mentorship project called European Music Managers Mentorship Activation (EMMMA) to support especially upcoming managers working in the field of music. The project became the flagship project of EMMA and, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, supported 14 mentees from nine different European countries. The aim of the EMMMA program was to improve the business skills of cultural professionals, for them to better understand the changing economic environment of the music industry. With over 40 speakers and 380 hours of mentoring, the EMMMA-program not only supported the peer learning of the mentee and mentor but also increased the education of music managers in general.

The main objectives of the EMMA-program were the development of managers' know-how, researching new European business and leadership models, and increasing the international cooperation and career opportunities for managers and their artists. An additional objective was to increase the competitiveness of European managers worldwide.

Experienced managers were paired with new managers for one-on-one mentoring sessions that took place throughout an entire year. In addition to peer-to-peer learning, mentors helped mentees to develop new business models for their companies. Seven mentors met with a total of 14 mentees from nine different countries: Germany, Spain, Estonia, Sweden, Poland, France, Finland, UK and the Netherlands.

Testimonial

"It really made me view mentorship as a huge conductor of change. It creates a domino effect not only on the mentees but those around them. A one-on-one relationship empowers, makes people feel heard and valued. It is like a bi-weekly therapy session. Management is a hugely isolating job, the only job in the industry that has no support system. I believe this scheme should be kept and grown. Both in the European-wide scheme, as this one has been, but also within each market."

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EPIC

Emerging Professionals: Internationalisation of music Careers

WHO WE ARE

The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat - is a network of organisations, choirs and individuals in the field of collective singing in Europe, with a membership that represents more than 2.5 million singers, vocal leaders/conductors, creators/composers, educators/teachers and managers in over 40 European countries, reaching out to over 37 million people across Europe.

OUR PROJECT

The EPIC project provides emerging musicians with invaluable skills and professional experience that complement their formal training, and can help them boost their career at the international level. The vision of the EPIC project is to prove the value and impact of auditioned youth music ensembles for the professionalisation and internationalisation of careers, improve the training of emerging professionals and foster the creation of new ensembles across Europe.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Collective singing

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (Germany)

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Songs for Europe

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WHO WE ARE

We are four remarkable music education programmes – Wirth Music Academy (Austria), Superar (Slovakia), El Sistema (Greece) and House of Good Tones (Bosnia and Herzegovina) – who work together to spread the benefits of the achievements of our own singular research and successes in a wider frame of common goals and shared horizons. Gerald Wirth has developed the Wirth method (WM), a pedagogy supported by IT-based teacher training and an evaluation tool. His aim is to understand the partners' pedagogical needs and to address them. José Angel Salazar Marín, of El Sistema Greece, is highly experienced with youth orchestras and wants to enhance the pedagogical experience of teaching artists and children, adapt the WM and test the WM IT tools for orchestra and beginners' choir. Marek Kapusta, of Superar Slovakia, would like to make excellent artistic and pedagogical know-how of work with non-selective and Roma children available. Ismar Porić, from House of Good Tones, Srebrenica (BA), has had great success in highly motivational community-creating arrangements, and is looking for exchange with peers for defining best practice, monitoring and evaluation of improvements assisted by IT tools.

Testimonial

"Imagine high-quality IT-supported music training being available for anyone, even in remote locations."

Prof. Gerald WIRTH, Wirth Music Academy, Austria

GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music Pedagogy

Nº. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

Wirth Music Academy (Austria)

Superar Slovakia (Slovakia)

El Sistema Greece (Greece)

House of Good Tones (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

OUR PROJECT


Songs for Europe offers musicians and teaching artists from Austria, Slovakia, Greece and Bosnia and Herzegovina the experience of working together, joining forces and voices, and sharing their most effective teaching methods to develop IT supported teacher training tools.

The WMT (Wirth Method Training) provides the opportunity for self-study of the method. A support element of the Wirth method is the pioneering IT system titled smART (Systemic Music Analytics Response for Teachers), which measures students' attention and singing performance as well as their focus and engagement.

smART helps teaching artists to improve their teaching strategies and to carefully plan the structure of their lessons, leading children to more focused, joyful learning.

The Wirth method was presented and explained in workshops which, other than foreseen, had to go online, and all the teachers had the opportunity to familiarise themselves individually and in depth with the method using WMT. Their feedback will be included in an updated version of the course in order to make it user-friendly and adapted to the requirements of music pedagogues.

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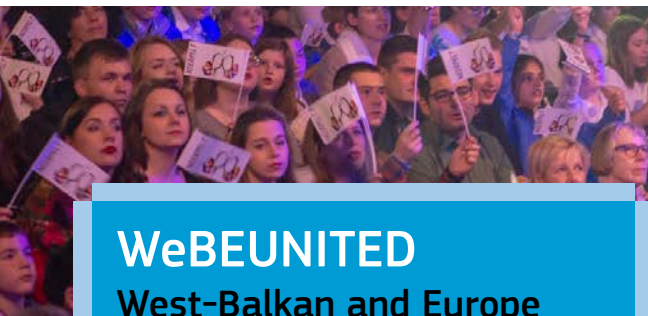
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WeBEUNITED

West-Balkan and Europe united, musical synergies for young artists

WHO WE ARE

Our project consists of four partners who are all well-trained in organising choral festivals for youngsters from all over Europe and the world. For each of us it is important to introduce youngsters to music and cultures from regions different to their own. The focus of our festivals is to bring young people together and unite them through their collective passion: music. We believe that music can surpass any borders and language differences so that everyone can enjoy themselves and to get to know each other.



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OUR PROJECT

For this project the Europees Muziekfestival voor de Jeugd is cooperating with three partners from Italy, Poland and Hungary and six countries from the West-Balkan region (Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia and Bosnia). The aim of this project is to introduce youngsters to choir music typical for a different region than their own. We and our partners have asked choir composers from the Western Balkans to compose songs and we want these to be performed by choirs based in the European Union. Simultaneously, compositions written by Belgian, Polish, Italian and Hungarian composers will be performed in the Western Balkans. In this way we want to introduce European youth to a region that, for many, is lesser known and achieve cultural exchange.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Choral Music

N°. and type of members (including project leader): 4

Name of partners (including project leader):

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Training Leading Voices

WHO WE ARE

Training Leading Voices is a project by five partners that have already known each other for some time and are connected through the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat.

Along with ZIMIHC as leader of the project and ECA-EC supporting the coordination in various ways, A Coeur Joie, Feniarco and JSKD are also partners in the project. The consortium meets in person (if possible) and online on a regular basis and has set up a digital workflow for all partners to work on communication and reporting.

OUR PROJECT

The Training Leading Voices project will offer targeted capacity-building and training sessions for vocal and choral leaders that will give them the basis from which to develop their careers, including opening up international channels of professional opportunity. The project will allow vocal and choral leaders to develop their skills, competences and knowledge of the subject and the sector, learn from each others' local experiences and forge connections for future synergies and collaborations.

The project will thus contribute to improving the level of collective singing in Europe. The project supports the work of composers and creators of choral/vocal music across Europe. Throughout the project, in all activities, choirs will perform works from many different countries, often works not yet well known outside the creator's country of residence. The project will thus contribute to the mobility of works of art and improve market access to these works. Audio and video recordings produced by the partners during the different activities will help to further disseminate and promote them. In some of the activities there will also be dedicated repertoire sessions organised in cooperation with music publishers and composers.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Choral Music

N°. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

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PLAY GROUND

Play Ground



OUR PROJECT

PLAY GROUND is a European cooperative project dedicated to the organisation and improvement of music projects with children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

PLAY GROUND explores the possibilities of creating high-quality music projects that truly involve and include young people beyond social, cultural and language barriers. Through workshops with local and international artists, in cooperation with local organisations and schools, using accessible methods, the PLAY GROUND partners will use music both as a playful and powerful tool for self-expression, allowing participants to gain confidence as an individual and as a group, to build bridges and to create intercultural dialogue.

PLAY GROUND also aims to serve as an international learning platform where methodological and academic expertise in organising music projects with underprivileged children and young people will be gathered, evaluated and widely shared. Through five public conferences and a website, PLAY GROUND will facilitate international exchange between artists, specialised academics and other professionals and thus hopes to stimulate musicians, cultural, social and community workers, teachers, etc. to gain new insight and inspiration into this specific topic and elevate the overall quality of existing and new music projects all over Europe.

WHO WE ARE

PLAY GROUND is a project by Handelsbeurs Concert Hall (BE), East Norway Jazz Centre (NO), Banlieues Bleues (FR), TAM (IT) and Fapte (RO). Every partner has an existing practice in music workshops with children and/or young people from disadvantaged backgrounds (migrants, refugees or Roma communities, and communities affected by poverty).

The idea for PLAY GROUND originated in Jazz For Young People (JFYP), one of the projects run by the Europe Jazz Network (EJN) focused on improving the quality and status of concerts for young audiences. The PLAY GROUND partners are all involved in EJN and JFYP and joined forces for this specific project from a commonly felt need to boost awareness and knowledge of music projects with and for children and young people living in disadvantaged communities.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Field: Music for children and young people

N°. and type of members (including project leader): 5

Name of partners (including project leader):

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EACEA AND CREATIVE EUROPE DESKS

Creative Europe: Who's who?

The **European Commission's** Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) defines the overall policy framework and the annual work programme for Creative Europe. It directly manages some of the programme's flagship initiatives such as the European Capitals of Culture and the EU Cultural Prizes.

For more information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe>

The **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** is responsible for the management of the main funding mechanisms of the Creative Europe culture programme: support to Cooperation Projects, European Networks, European Platforms and Literary Translation.

For more information:

<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu>

The **Creative Europe Desks** are the gateway to the EU Creative Europe Programme. They are established in all the participating countries: the EU member states, Iceland, and Norway, as well as some of the EU's neighbouring countries. They provide free information and guidance on how to access funding opportunities under the Creative Europe Programme, regular updates on audiovisual and culture-related issues at European level, and networking support and partner-finding.

To find a Creative Europe desk:

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Creative Europe Culture 2014-2020 Music Projects

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for supporting the culture and audio-visual sectors for the period 2014-2020

Music constitutes an important pillar of European culture and among the cultural and creative sectors it is probably the one that reaches the largest audience.

Music has the power to promote cultural diversity, inclusion and creativity and thus fully responds to the objectives and priorities of Creative Europe.

This brochure presents inspiring examples of Creative Europe Culture music projects funded across different supporting mechanisms (European Cooperation projects, Refugee integration projects, European Platforms and European Networks).

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