

## 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EMU General Assembly

Stuttgart, Germany

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 9.00 - 12.30

Present were:

### EMU Board & Office Members

Name	Function	Country
Philippe Dalarun	President/ EMU Board Member	France
Romain Asselborn	Vice-President/ EMU Board Member	Luxembourg
Aleksandar Đurić	EMU Board Member	Serbia
Csilla Gal	EMU Board Member	Hungary
Paolo Ponzecchi	EMU Board Member	Italy
Robert Vroegindeweyj	EMU Board Member	The Netherlands
Till Skoruppa	EMU Secretary General	Germany

### Delegates and Participants

Name	Function	Country
Alain Baldocchi	Additional Participant	France
Anders Rønningen	Additional Participant	Norway
Anita Marinova	Additional Participant	Bulgaria
Anna Fintova	Additional Participant	Slovakia
Beáta Tombor	Additional Participant	Hungary
Bernadeta Bednarska	Additional Participant	Poland
Bob Morhard	Delegate	Luxembourg
Boris Štih	Additional Participant	Slovenia
Danièle Jeansonnie	Additional Participant	France
Dariusz Baszak	Delegate	Poland
David Laloz	Delegate	France
Ember Csaba	Delegate	Hungary
Eva Crastan Kaestner	Delegate	Switzerland
Friedrich-Koh Dolge	Delegate	Germany
Gerd Eicker	Honorary Member	Germany
Helena Maffli	Honorary Member	Switzerland
Ingunn Sturludóttir	Delegate	Iceland
Iván Caro	Delegate	Spain

Ivona Krivankova	Additional Participant	Czech Republic
Jan Brands-Leever	Delegate	Netherlands
Jerome Chrétien	Additional Participant	France
Johannes Uthoff	Delegate	Liechtenstein
Jörg Jewanski	Additional Participant	Germany
Kadi Katariina Sarapik	Delegate	Estonia
Ludivine Chanel	Additional Participant	France
Magnus Ekwall	Delegate	Sweden
Malin Aghed	Additional Participant	Sweden
Marek Korbélyi	Additional Participant	Czech Republic
Matthias Pannes	Additional Participant	Germany
Michaela Hahn	Delegate	Austria
Mirco Besutti	Delegate	Italy
Miriam Trgová	Delegate	Slovakia
Morten Christiansen	Delegate	Norway
Pedro Figueiredo	Additional Participant	Portugal
Philippe Krüttli	Additional Participant	Switzerland
Radmila Bikić Magdić	Delegate	Slovenia
Reinhart von Gutzeit	Additional Participant	Germany
Sanna Saarinen	Delegate	Finland
Sladana Segavcic	Delegate	Serbia and Montenegro
Susanna Ertolahti	Additional Participant	Finland
Tomáš Kolafa	Delegate	Czech Republic
Tomasz Rokosz	Additional Participant	Poland
Torgny Sandgren	Additional Participant	Sweden
Ulrich Rademacher	Additional Participant	Germany
Velichka Nikolova	Delegate	Bulgaria
Willem van Moort	Additional Participant	Netherlands
Zdenka Krizkova	Additional Participant	Czech Republic

### **1. Opening and adoption of the agenda**

President Philippe Dalarun welcomes all members to the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EMU and thanks the Verband deutscher Musikschulen (VdM) for hosting it. The VdM had initially planned to host the assembly in 2020, but as the event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, they kindly offered to postpone it to 2023.

Following the counting there are 21 members present entitled to vote.

The agenda is unanimously adopted.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> EMU General Assembly (2022)**

The minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly were sent out in time according to the statutes of the EMU and as no objections were received, the minutes are automatically adopted.

### **3. Activity report 2022**

The board walks the assembly through the activities of 2022. The highlight of the year was the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the European youth music festival which took place in May in Luxembourg. All sanitary measures related to the pandemic have been waived shortly before the festival allowing it to take place without any restrictions. It brought together roughly 2.500 students from 15 countries to perform around 350 concerts. The activity year furthermore saw the publication of the renewed edition of the EMU statistics and a guidebook on early childhood music education. The EMU left its office in Berlin, as the building has been put to a ministerial use. Towards the end of the year, the preparations of the EMU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary were in full swing, and the EMU hosted a seminar on early childhood music education in Vészprém, Hungary. Further detailed reports on activities and events were made available to the members in a document ahead of the General Assembly.

The activity report is unanimously adopted.

### **4. Financial results 2022 and balance per 31 December 2022**

Romain Asselborn and Till Skoruppa walk the assembly through the financial results of 2022. It was the first year in which the membership fees were calculated based on the data received through the renewed statistics (see p. 3). It was during this process that the shortcomings of the current system became apparent, leading to internal auditor Matthias Pannes commenting on this issue at his report in 2022 and to the board discussing improvements (see point 6).

The system applied in 2022 led to slightly higher income from membership fees. The increased income was balanced through cost related to the move of the office. All other expenses were very close to the budget, leading to a financial result which only deviates by 1,13 € from the budget. Till Skoruppa reports however that the fact that the result is so close to the budget adopted in 2022 is coincidence, no funds have been spent with the sole purpose of meeting this budget. The fiscal year closed with a minus of 6.962,87 €. Till Skoruppa report that a budget with a negative result has been adopted in 2022, as the money saved during the pandemic needs to be spent according to the German laws for non-for-profit associations.

Matthias Pannes reports on the internal audit carried out ahead of the assembly. He confirms that the bookkeeping was done in an orderly manner and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. He furthermore confirms the comment regarding the negative result and reports that the financial results of 2022 show a sensitive handling of the financial means saved primarily from travel expenses during both pandemic years and are in line with the German law. He recommends to the assembly to accept the annual accounts for 2022 as presented and to grant discharge of liability to all members of the board for the fiscal year 2022.

The General Assembly unanimously adopts the financial results and grants discharge of liability to all members of the board for the fiscal year 2022.

### **5. Activity plan 2023 and budget 2023**

Philippe Dalarun walks the assembly through the proposed activity plan for 2023. Major events are the General Assembly and Forum in Stuttgart, including the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the capacity building webinar on cooperation with other arts held in spring, the MusiColours festival in Hungary, and the meeting of the board revolving around the topic of communication scheduled for the end of the year. He reminds the assembly that the EMU is still looking for a member to host the meeting of the boards. During the year, the EMU will make a written consultation with its members regarding the members fees and observer status (see p. 6). The board will furthermore discuss and review the EMU4YOU platform. All further details on planned activities have been made available to the members in a document ahead of the General Assembly.

The activity report is unanimously adopted.

## **6. EMU membership and fees**

Following the request made by internal auditor Matthias Pannes in 2022, the board has reviewed the system for calculating the membership fees. Following extensive discussions, the board proposes to keep the current system but to introduce more objective criteria to assess it, notably basing the fee on the number of music schools member of an association and the GDP per capita of the country instead of the number of music schools and their total income. Details on this proposal have been made available to the members prior to the assembly.

In addition to this proposal, the board suggest reviewing the observer membership category and to harmonise its definition as it has been applied in different ways in the past. The proposed suggestion foresees that the observer status is not limited in time and that it is the General Assembly that votes on their admission. Observers are not entitled to vote or propose candidates to the board. Details on this proposal have also been made available to the assembly beforehand.

Following these presentations, no questions are raised. Till Skoruppa explains that the next steps will be to send these proposals to the members for a written consultation after the summer. The final proposal will then be voted upon at the General Assembly in 2024.

## **7. EMU General Assembly and European Music School Forum 2024**

Michaela Hahn presents the plans for the General Assembly in 2024 in St. Pölten, Austria. The Konferenz der Österreichischen Musikschulwerke (KOMU), the Austrian member of the EMU, invites participants to arrive on May 30 for the opening dinner. The GA will be held in the morning of May 31 directly followed by the European Music School Forum. The forum will be resumed on June 1 followed by a leisure programme. Departures are planned for June 2.

Philippe Dalarun adds that the General Assembly in 2024 will again see elections to the board of the EMU and encourages all members to think about nominating candidates in order to ensure a good balance of geographical origin, gender, age, fields of expertise and experiences.

## **8. Musicolours European Youth Music Festival**

Csilla Gal presents the final plans for the festival taking place in Veszprém, Hungary on 27 – 31 May 2023. Around 1.000 participants are expected in Veszprém, the European Capital of Culture in 2023. 6 stages will be set up in the city and surrounding region hosting the various performances. The event has been organised by the Veszprém-Balaton 2023 European Capital of Culture in cooperation with the Association of Hungarian Music and Art Schools and Csermák Antal Elementary School of Art. While the festival is not an official EMU festival, the EMU has supported it especially by spreading information and invitations within its membership.

## **9. Music School Research Symposium**

Michaela Hahn presents the plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Music school Symposium which will take place on October 6 & 7, 2023 at the university of music and performing arts (mdw) in Vienna, Austria in cooperation with the KOMU and the EMU. The symposium will be entitled “Music Schools and Their Ecosystems: Building Sustainable Futures“ and will feature two keynotes from international renowned experts, over 30 researchers and practitioners presentations as well as multiple exchange opportunities with researchers, PhD students, experts and practitioners. All EMU members are invited to attend the event and disseminate the invitation within their membership.

### **10. Election of a new member**

Pedro Figueiredo is invited to shortly present the Portuguese association AEEP applying for membership within the EMU. The association is devoted to Portuguese educational institutions in general, not only to music education. However, the AEEP has an own department for this. This department represent over 144 music schools (out of 162 in the country). While most of these are private, they receive state funding for the teaching of some of their students. With only a handful of public music schools, the Portuguese system for music education strongly relies on private institutions. Following the presentation, Pedro Figueiredo is asked to leave the hall, to allow the members to discuss the application and take a vote.

The General Assembly unanimously votes in favour of admitting the AEEP as ordinary member.

Pedro is invited to come back to the assembly. Philippe Dalarun informs him on the positive decision and welcomes the Portuguese association as a new member within the EMU.

### **11. Miscellaneous**

Philippe Dalarun reminds all members they are always encouraged to invite the board for a meeting to their country. It is an opportunity to strengthen links between the EMU and the national association and support the country in their cultural policy work as these meetings can be combined with meetings of the national association or with politicians. Hosting members are asked to cover the accommodation and subsistence cost of the board, while the EMU covers their travel expenses.

### **12. Closing**

Philippe Dalarun declares the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EMU closed and again expresses his gratitude to the German association for their work in hosting and organising the event.



**Philippe Dalarun**  
**President EMU**



**Till Skoruppa (recording clerk)**  
**Secretary General**