

**49th Meeting of the EMU General Assembly &
European Music School Forum
30 May - 2 June 2024**

St. Pölten, Austria

To the Honorary members and members of the European Music School Union

Cologne, 5 March 2024

Dear Honorary members, dear EMU members,

The presidium of the European Music School Union (EMU) is honoured and pleased to invite you to the 49th meeting of the EMU General Assembly and the European Music School Forum, which will take place from 30 May to 2 June 2024 in St. Pölten, Austria.

I would like to express our sincere thanks to the chairperson, board and office of the “Konferenz der österreichischen Musikschulwerke” (KOMU) for once again hosting an EMU event and for their valuable cooperation.

This annual congress of our organisation is important for several reasons:

- It is an exceptional opportunity for all our members to meet and exchange ideas in a democratic, professional and convivial atmosphere,
- It gives us the opportunity to find out more about the music education system in the host country, Austria, whose reputation is well known,
- The topics to be discussed at the Forum concern all of us, from development strategy to what “quality” means for our music schools today,
- Finally, because the presidium will be renewed, which will include the election of a new EMU president.

As I personally come to the end of three mandates, one term as vice-president and two terms as president, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all the members of the EMU for your confidence over the past nine years, and to the members of the presidium and the office during this period for the magnificent work they have accomplished. Naturally, it will be my pleasure to congratulate the next president and presidium, and to wish them all the best for the exciting work ahead.

For all these reasons, but also to have the pleasure of meeting you in person in the wonderful city of St. Pölten, I am counting on your widest possible participation in this event!

PROGRAMME

The General Assembly and Forum will take place at the Festspielhaus St. Pölten in Lower Austria. The GA will be held in English language with simultaneous translations into French and German.

Delegates are invited to come to St. Pölten on May 30 to attend the opening programme and welcome dinner in the afternoon and evening. The GA will be held on Friday, 31 May in the morning from 9.30 to 13.00 (registration starts at 9.00). Friday afternoon the European music school forum will start with an opening, a keynote and a plenary discussion on societal relevance of music & art schools, followed by

an “EMU-Café”, presenting projects and models in the member countries and opportunities for dialogue and exchange. In the evening, the Lower Austrian music & art schools will present themselves in a short concert followed by a reception. The forum will continue Saturday, 1 June, on the topic of “Qualities in music school education”. Saturday afternoon will be followed by a sightseeing programme including a Danube cruise and an evening “Heuriger-dinner”.

Enclosed you find the programme with further information, and you will find additional information about the European Music School Forum on the [KOMU website](#) (will be updated regularly)

DOCUMENTS

In addition to this invitation, you will find attached the proposed agenda of the General Assembly. Please send any additional proposals you may have by 30 April 2024. You may address these to our Secretary General at till.skoruppa@musicschoolunion.eu

You will be able to retrieve all additional documents concerning the General Assembly and Music School Forum in the members area of the EMU website shortly.

As this year’s General Assembly will again see elections to the presidium, a dedicated call for nominations has been sent out to all members. In this document you will find all information regarding the election procedure and practicalities related to the work in the board of the EMU.

Within the European Music School Forum, innovative projects and initiatives from various member countries will be presented at an EMU Café. If you are interested in presenting a project, please contact Michaela Hahn at office@komu.at by 20 March.

Finally, in order to share important information about music education in your country, you are kindly asked to send a national report concerning your activities in 2023 to office@musicschoolunion.eu before May 17, 2024, so that the compilation can be made available to all countries beforehand.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is **31 March 2024** [via this link](#).

There will be the possibility of a late registration until 15 April 2024, in that case please contact registration@mkmnoe.at.

Invoices will be sent to you by our Austrian member, the Conference of the Austrian Music School Association (KOMU) via MKM Music & Art School Management Lower Austria, after your registration.

ACCOMMODATION

The KOMU covers the accommodation and subsistence costs for the presidium members, the honorary members and for one delegate from each member country during the General Assembly and European Music School Forum for a maximum of 3 nights. We hope to see as many participants as possible from our member associations, but please note that extra participants will have to cover their own accommodation and subsistence costs.

Cost per additional participant in single room, full board: €570 for three nights and full programme (further information and details in the registration form)

All delegates and participants will be accommodated at the Hotel Metropol, Schillerplatz 1, 3100 St. Pölten.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the above mentioned, do not hesitate to contact the EMU office at office@musicschoolunion.eu

Welcome to St. Pölten, we are looking forward to seeing you in May!

Best regards,



Philippe Dalarun
EMU President