

EMU ACTIVITY PLAN 2024

1. General Assembly and European Music School Forum

- The 49th edition of the EMU General Assembly and Forum will be held from 30 May to 2 June 2024 in St. Pölten, Austria.
- Topics of the European Music School Forum: “On the relevance of Music & Art Schools in Europe” and “Qualities in music & art school education”.

2. Meeting of the boards on the topic of communication

- Hosting of an edition of the meeting of the boards dedicated to the topic of communication on 25 & 26 January.
- 25 registrations have been received for the event.

3. Capacity building seminar on early childhood music education

- Hosting of a seminar on early childhood music education on 23 & 24 October in Grevenmacher, Luxembourg.

4. EMU membership fees system and observer status

- Final proposals for a renewed system for calculating membership fees and on a joint definition of the observer status will be voted upon at the General Assembly.

5. EU Funding application

- An EU funding application has been handed in on March 6 under the *networks of cultural and creative organisations* strand of the Creative Europe programme asking for 1.2 million Euros for the period 2025-2028.
- The proposal entitled *Creative Crescendos: Empowering Music Education in Europe* has been prepared with support from experts specialised on European funding.
- An answer to the application is expected in September.

6. Preparations of the XV. European Youth Music Festival Ritmiks 25 in Catalonia

- Patronising the 15th edition of the festival to be held in Catalonia, Spain from 29 May to 1 June 2025
- The festival will have the capacity to welcome up to 8000 participants, performing on over 100 stages in 50 towns all over Catalonia.

7. Cooperation with members

- Strengthening links with members at EMU board meetings hosted by members.
- Collaboration with EMU regional groups and collaboration on relevant topics.
- Participation in general assemblies and further events of members.
- Promotion of outstanding projects of EMU members.

8. Membership development

- Identification of and making contact with relevant individuals in non-member countries.
- Support in the creation of national networks of music schools in non-member countries.

9. Cooperation with European and International cultural networks

- Attendance of events hosted by the European Music Council and other relevant European networks.
- Active participation with the Steering Committee for the Harmonisation of European Music Education.
- Contribution to the work of Music Quality Enhancement (Michaela Hahn currently represents the EMU on the board of MusiQue).
- Further development of the standards for pre-college music education (Helena Maffli and Philippe Dalarun take part in respective MusiQue working groups).

10. Advocacy

- Issuing joint policy papers with the EMC and other major European cultural networks on relevant cultural policy matters.
- Meetings and dialogue with local, national and EU politicians.

11. Communication

- Regular updates of the website www.musicschoolunion.eu and its members area
- Issuing newsletters/ info bulletins (4 in total)
- Regular updates on relevant cultural policy developments and funding programmes for culture and education available at the European level.

12. Presidium meetings

Outgoing Board

- March 7 & 8, Lisbon, Portugal
- May 7, Online

Newly elected board

- Luxembourg (tbc)
- Potential further meetings to be decided upon by the new board.