

Internal rule of procedure defining the observer status and the procedures for obtaining the observer status

The statutes of the EMU clearly stipulate that only one organization per country can become a member. This governance model ensures equality among the countries represented within the EMU, as each country has only one voting right. However, in the past, the EMU has admitted additional members from certain countries as observer members, either for geopolitical reasons or because music schools are organized into multiple associations within individual countries. This approach has allowed the EMU to maintain its role as the umbrella organization for European music schools while upholding the principle of equality among its members.

According to the EMU Statutes, this internal rule of procedure defines the observer status and the procedures for a national association or a similar organization to obtain the status as observer member:

- Observers are not intended to compete with ordinary members in individual countries. Only ordinary members are entitled to vote at the General Assembly and propose candidates to the EMU presidium. Observer members do not possess these rights.
- The procedure for accepting observer members is similar to that for ordinary members: Organizations interested in joining the EMU as observers first contact the presidium. The presidium evaluates the application, which includes consulting with any ordinary member in the same country (if applicable). If the board deems the application suitable for observer membership, it is presented to the General Assembly for a vote on admission.
- The membership fee for observer members is calculated in accordance with the internal regulation governing membership fees.
- Representatives of observer members are responsible for covering the costs of attending General Assemblies themselves, including travel, accommodation, and subsistence.

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