

**50th Meeting of the EMU General Assembly &
European Music School Forum
28 May - 1 June 2025**

Vic, Catalonia, Spain

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

Cologne, 24 February 2025

Dear Honorary members, dear EMU members,

the presidium of the European Music School Union (EMU) is honoured and pleased to invite you to the 50th meeting of the EMU General Assembly and the European Music School Forum, which will take place from 28 May to 1 June 2025 in the picturesque town of Vic, Catalonia, Spain.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our member association, Union de Escuelas de Musica y Danza (UEMYD), and our host, Associació Catalana d'Escoles de Música (ACEM). A special thank you goes to UEMYD President Iván Caro, ACEM Vice-President Xavier Llobet, and President Carles Farràs, as well as the entire organizing team led by Isabel Vicente, for their outstanding efforts in hosting this anniversary EMU event and the 15th Edition of the European Youth Music Festival.

We warmly invite you to seize this opportunity and join us for what promises to be an inspiring and enriching gathering! The annual EMU General Assembly and the European Music School Forum are more than just meetings—they are a unique chance for our community to come together, exchange ideas, and strengthen the bonds that connect us across Europe.

The General Assembly will inform you about important updates and new developments, while the European Music School Forum will open a window into the vibrant musical landscape of our host country, Spain, and especially the dynamic region of Catalonia. We will explore innovative projects that demonstrate the remarkable social impact and creative power of music and art schools, offering fresh perspectives and new ideas to take home.

On the following day, we invite you to actively engage in thematic exchange forums, where we will discuss key topics shaping our work at EMU. This is your chance to contribute, share experiences, and help shape the future of music and art school education in Europe.

And then comes this year's grand highlight: the 15th European Youth Music Festival! We are delighted to welcome more than 4.000 young musicians and artists from 18 member countries, filling the 50 participating towns with music, energy, and the unifying spirit of youth.

This event embodies everything EMU stands for: connecting national associations, discovering inspiring music and art school initiatives, exchanging ideas with local leaders and educators, and most importantly, celebrating the joy of young people making music together. Come and be part of this joyous event within the EMU community!

PROGRAMME

The General Assembly and Forum will take place at the Auditorium of Vic. The GA will be held in English language with simultaneous translations into French and German.

Delegates are invited to come to Vic on May 28 to attend the opening and welcome dinner in the evening. The GA will be held on Thursday, 29 May in the morning from 9.30 to 13.00. The first part of the European Music School Forum will start in the afternoon of the same day followed by the opening ceremony of the RITMIKS, the XV. European Youth Music Festival, in the evening. The forum will be resumed on Friday morning and delegates will have the chance to visit the various festival venues in the afternoon. Saturday will be fully dedicated to the festival and delegates are invited to return home on Sunday 1 June.

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 29 April 2025. 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.

Finally, in order to share important information about music and art school education in your country, you are kindly asked to send a national report on your activities in 2024 to office@musicschoolunion.eu before May 15, 2025, so that the compilation can be made available to all countries beforehand.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is **31 March 2025**.

Please register via this link: <https://forms.gle/ZawPzGNFDNtuNNuRA>

Invoices will be sent to you by ACEM, the Catalanian Association of Music Schools after your registration.

Please note: A major Formula 1 race will be taking place that same weekend in Barcelona. Flight tickets might be especially expensive if you wait until the last minute or might even be sold out. We therefore advice to make your booking as soon as possible.

ACCOMMODATION

The ACEM covers the accommodation and subsistence cost for the honorary members and for one delegate from each member country during the General Assembly and European Music School Forum for a maximum of 4 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. Details on the options and related cost for additional participants can be found in the registration form.

All delegates and participants will be accommodated at the Hotel Pamplona and Hotel Balmes in Vic.

TRANSPORT FROM BARCELONA-EL PRAT AIRPORT TO VIC

Shuttle buses from the airport to Vic will run **on Wednesday, May 28** at 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, and 16:00. Return buses will be available on: **Friday, May 30**, at 13:30 and 16:00 (last day of the forum) or on **Sunday, June 1**, at 9:00 and 11:00 (after the festival ends). In the coming weeks, the ACEM will ask for your flight details, arrival time, and you will be able to choose the shuttle schedule that suits you best. If you wish to travel from Barcelona to Vic using public transport, detailed information are available in the members area of the EMU website.

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

We very much look forward to welcoming you in Vic and sharing this special occasion with you!



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EMU President