

Dear Colleagues,

The AEC is glad to invite you to the

AEC POP AND JAZZ PLATFORM 2022

which will take place on

10-13 February 2022 at the Academy of Music in Lodz, Poland

[\(get to know the hosts\)](#)

The aim of the AEC Pop and Jazz Platform (PJP) is to contribute to a better understanding, collaboration, and diversity within music and Higher Music Education (HME). The PJP discusses and promotes educational, pedagogical, musical, and professional issues on the basis of the particular expertise and experience the PJP community possesses. It supports the development of jazz, pop, folk, world music, and related programmes in the AEC's membership institutions.

The PJP particularly promotes diversity in Higher Music Education (HME). Genre diversity in HME may be a complex issue and pose challenges for the institutions. Other ways of categorising the field than by genre are possible, for example by differences and similarities in teaching/learning and in musical and artistic processes. The PJP therefore in particular stimulates the discourse on the concept of genre, genre diversity, teaching and learning processes, self-perception and identities. The language used during this meeting will be in English.

The title of 2022 edition is:

“ROADS LESS TRAVELLED”

Directions, connections and deviations

The times we live in today bring us many unknowns.

As humans we are hardwired to rule out as much uncertainty as we can to predict how to move on. In moving on we need to adjust our expectations and include more possible directions to find new and different roads to travel.

As educators and performers in music we show our resilience by allowing the unknown to become an incentive to make other connections.

If the past months have taught us anything it is that the toolset of musicians and creative thinkers have great value. It strengthens us in dealing with what we cannot foresee and to deviate from what we know. The talents that come to our institutes remind us that the

dream of becoming a professional in music is still very much alive. Those dreams should encourage us to recognize, design and facilitate pathways of sustainable educational and performance practices in Higher Music Education.

With this year's AEC PJP theme, Roads less travelled, Directions, Connections and Deviations

we hope you feel invited to give a voice to the unknowns and uncertainties and to share your solutions and new perspectives.

It is on this premise the AEC Pop and Jazz Platform Preparatory Working Group, the AEC Office and our host institution, the Music Academy of Łódź, have worked on a hybrid program for the 2022 AEC PJP platform meeting.

You are hereby whole-heartedly invited to the AEC PJP hybrid meeting at the Music Academy in Łódź, Poland, 10-13 February 2022.

I hope to see you all in Łódź,

Linda Bloemhard

Chair of the AEC PJP Preparatory Working Group

“Development never truly ends, as our brains evolved to evolve...we are adapted to adapt, to continually redefine normality, transforming one's space of possibility with new assumptions according to the continual process of trial and error”

— Beau Lotto, Deviate: The Science of Seeing Differently

Practical information and procedures to attend the meeting

You can take part in the meeting either online or in person in Lodz. Please note that the main plenary sessions taking place in Lodz will be streamed online. The same fee amount applies either to one representative of an AEC member institution attending in person in Lodz or to 5 representative of the same institution attending online (n.b. each participant needs to fill in the registration form individually). This year we have a strict deadline, so please make sure you subscribe by 28th January. After this deadline no more subscriptions will be accepted.

Further information, such as the programme of the meeting, information on travel, accommodation and participant fee categories and payment, as well as the registration form can be found at <https://aec-music.eu/event/aec-pop-and-jazz-platform-2022/>. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Lodz or online in February!

Kind regards,

AEC Office Team and the PJP Preparatory Working Group