



Association Européenne des
Conservatoires, Académies de
Musique et Musikhochschulen

AEC

Introductory session for first - time delegates

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Definition

AEC is a voluntary coalition representing Higher Music Education institutions (HMEIs) in Europe and beyond.

The Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC) is a European cultural and educational network with almost 300 member institutions for professional music training in 55 countries from Europe and beyond.

VISION

AEC is the leading voice for Higher Music Education in Europe, a powerful advocate for its member institutions.

AEC understands and supports music and arts education, together with cultural participation, as central contributors to quality in human life, and inclusive societies founded on democratic values.

AEC sees professionally focused arts education as a quest for excellence in three areas: artistic practice; learning and teaching; research and innovation. It seeks to foster these elements and to encourage the diversity and dynamism with which they are pursued in different institutions, countries and regions.

MISSION

AEC works for the advancement of Higher Education in the performing arts, primarily focusing on music. It does this based on three pillars:

Pillar 1: Fostering the value of music and music education in society

Pillar 2: Enhancing quality in Higher Music Education

Pillar 3: Promoting participation, inclusiveness and diversity

AEC operates inclusively, sustainably, efficiently and effectively, enabling communication and sharing of good practice.

Upcoming Events

AEC IRCs Annual Meeting

20 – 23 September 2023, LUCA School of Arts,
Leuven, Belgium

AEC Annual Congress & General Assembly

9 - 11 November 2023, Royal Conservatoire, The Hague

REMA Early Music Summit

30 Nov - 2 Dec 2023, Brussels & Bruges

FAST45 – Futures (un)Known

6 - 7 December 2023, LUCA School of Arts

AEC Pop & Jazz Platform (PJP)

8 - 11 February 2024, Danish National Academy of Music,
Odense

European Platform for Artistic Research in Music (EPARM)

21 - 23 March 2024, Academy of Music, Ljubljana, Slovenia

AEC Artist as Teacher Seminars 2023 - 2024

27 Oct '23 - 13 Apr '24, Royal Conservatoire, The Hague &
online

Projects

AEC – Empowering Artists as Makers in Society (ARTEMIS)

2022 - 2025, Creative Europe Network

Project objectives: International cooperation

- Lifelong learning
- Advocacy
- Collecting data, going green and digitization
- Further developing and innovating music education
- Diversity, inclusiveness and gender equality

AEC – Strengthening Music in Society (SMS)

2017 – 2021, Creative Europe Network

Indicative list of other current projects

FAMES (2022 – 2025) – Creative Europe Cooperation project

SCHEME – Steering Committee for the Harmonisation of European Music Education

PRIhME (2020 – 2023) – Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership

Opera out of Opera 2 (2022 – 2025) – Creative Europe Cooperation Project

Lost Music (2022 – 2024) – Creative Europe Cooperation Project

Tune (2021 – 2024) – Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership

ECMA PRO (2020 – 2024) – Creative Europe Cooperation Project

MUSENCE (2022 – 2025) – Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

AEC Office

Stefan Gies, CEO

Linda Messas, General Manager

Sara Primiterra, Events & Project Manager

Alessandra Callegari, Communication Coordinator

Alfonso Guerra, Membership & Finance Coordinator

Beatriz Laborda, Events Coordinator

Ashkhen Fixova, Office & Project Coordinator

Kristīne Beitika, Communications intern

Tuulia Ryhänen, Project & Membership management intern





AEC Council

12 representatives from 12 countries

AEC General Assembly

Consists of representatives of all AEC active and associate members. They meet once a year.

International Relations Coordinators Working Group

Is in charge of the organisation of the AEC Annual Meeting for IRCs which is important for networking, exchanging useful information and for developing partnerships

AEC Working Groups

Work on the preparation of AEC events & activities on a voluntary basis. Coming from several areas of profession within the HMEIs and beyond



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mobility among Higher Education

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