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AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursaries 2024

AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly - Milan 2024

To honour the memory of the former AEC President Johannes Johansson, and thanks to the <u>AEC - Empowering Artists as Makers in Society (ARTEMIS, 2022-2025)</u> project, co-funded by the European Union, AEC will offer a **limited number of travel bursaries** to attend the upcoming <u>AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly</u> on 13-16 November in Milan, Italy. Johannes was a passionate supporter of inclusiveness at the AEC and the creation of travel bursaries is a wonderful way to remember him.

This year, the AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursaries will work as follows:

- Each Travel Bursary will be for **up to 500,00 EUR**;
- The Travel Bursary can cover, depending on the country's GNI, full ACCOMMODATION¹ costs or just part of these costs according to the following criteria:
 - Countries A: For applicants coming from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK, AEC could reimburse at most 50% of the accommodation costs;
 - Countries B: For applicants from Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey, full accommodation costs could be covered.
- Exceptionally, representatives from <u>AEC member institutions in Ukraine</u> wishing to attend this year's AEC Congress and General Assembly in Milan are eligible for full travel and accommodation reimbursement

Applications should be sent by email to Sara Primiterra (<u>events@aec-music.eu</u>) and Alfonso Guerra (<u>alfonsoquerra@aec-music.eu</u>), and should include the following:

- Letter signed by a senior member of the institution, indicating:
 - Name of the person wishing to attend the event in Milan;
 - o Name of the institution represented by the candidate
 - Total estimated accommodation costs (based on real costs), or full costs for the Ukranian applicants;
 - Brief explanation (up to 250 words) of the special needs / circumstances that would justify the award of an AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary;
 - Countries A: confirmation that the institution will cover at least 50% of the total cost (the precise amount covered by the institution should be specified);

Please note applications not including the required information will not be considered.

¹ Please note that only accommodation will be covered, and not the trip to Milan, local transport or any other expenses incurred in the frame of the event.

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The following procedure applies for receiving an AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary (see page 2):

- 1. The participant applies for the Travel Bursary at the latest by 30th September 2024;
- 2. After the AEC office makes a decision, successful applicants will be contacted by email, containing the amount to be reimbursed and a reimbursement form;
- 3. Applicants should register online to the event. Their participation fee is waived;
- 4. Applicants can now book their travel and accommodation. Should applicants have insufficient funds before being reimbursed, please contact the AEC office.
- 5. After the event has taken place, the applicant can send the filled in reimbursement form to the AEC office, attaching original bookings, bills and boarding passes.

IMPORTANT: Successful applicants are requested NOT TO BOOK anything before receiving a confirmation email from the AEC office that the AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary has been granted (see point 2 above).

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact Membership and Finance Coordinator Alfonso Guerra at <a href="mailto:alfonso:al

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