

## **AEC Green Travel Incentive for IRC 2026**

In line with its commitment to environmental responsibility and in compliance with the AEC Sustainability and Travel Policies, the AEC is pleased to offer a Green Travel Incentive for participants attending the IRC Meeting 2026. This incentive supports representatives from AEC member institutions who choose environmentally friendly modes of transport to attend AEC events.

The Green Travel Incentive aims to promote and normalise low-carbon travel—such as by train, bus, or shared mobility—instead of flying. It reflects the AEC’s ongoing dedication to reducing its environmental footprint and raising awareness of the impact of travel choices within the higher music education sector.

### **Application Requirements**

Each application must include

- 300-500 words of a motivation letter explaining your full itinerary, which options you choose and why.
- Proof of round-trip ticket purchase

### **Eligibility**

*Category 1* - Travel distance from departure point to event venue under 600 km: the criterion or one of the criteria is: both outbound and return journeys must exclude air-travel (train, bus or ferry).

*Category 2* - Travel distance from departure point to event venue over 500 km: the criterion or one of the criteria is: at least one leg of the journey must be air-travel free (train, bus, or ferry)

### **Evaluation Criteria**

The following factors may be considered when evaluating applications:

- Distance of travel (for category 2)
- Balanced regional and geographical distribution of participants
- Number of extra hours they spend on transportation compared to the available flight options
- Balanced frequency of participation across AEC members

### **Recognition and Award**

The selected recipients (1 per category) will:

- Be exempt from the event registration fee (with reimbursement if already paid)

- Receive an encouraging small prize
- Be publicly acknowledged during the event, on the event App, event report and AEC communication channels, along with all other applicants, in appreciation of their commitment to sustainable travel.

Please apply by: **1 August, 2026** to [info@aec-music.eu](mailto:info@aec-music.eu)