Travel Differently:
Exploring Green Mobility in Higher Music Education

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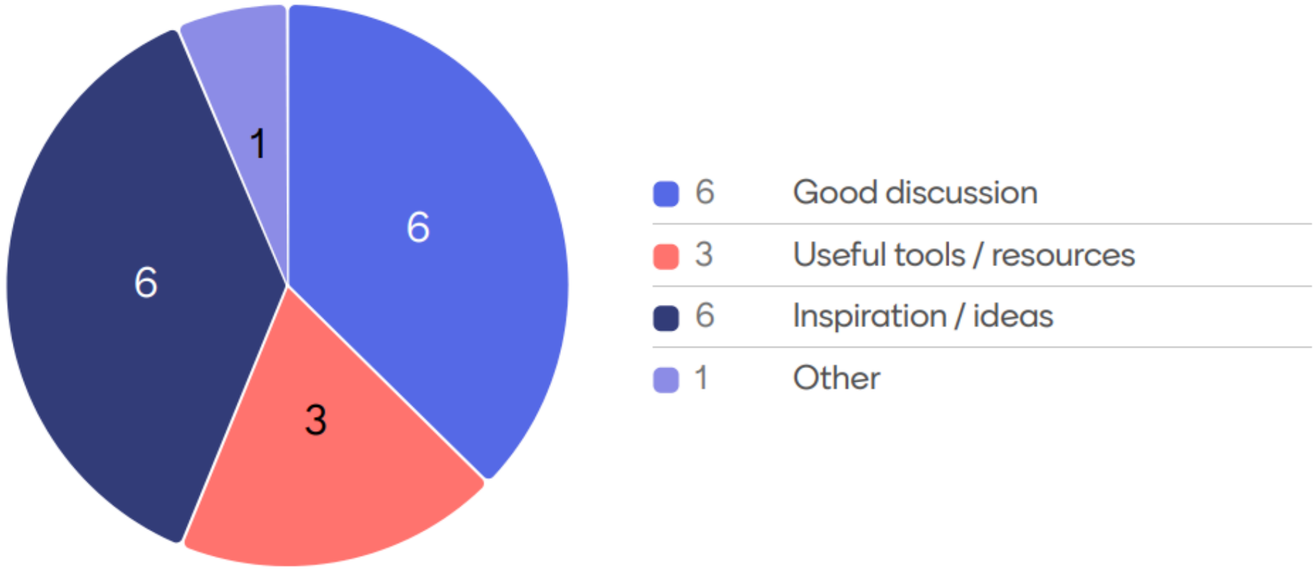
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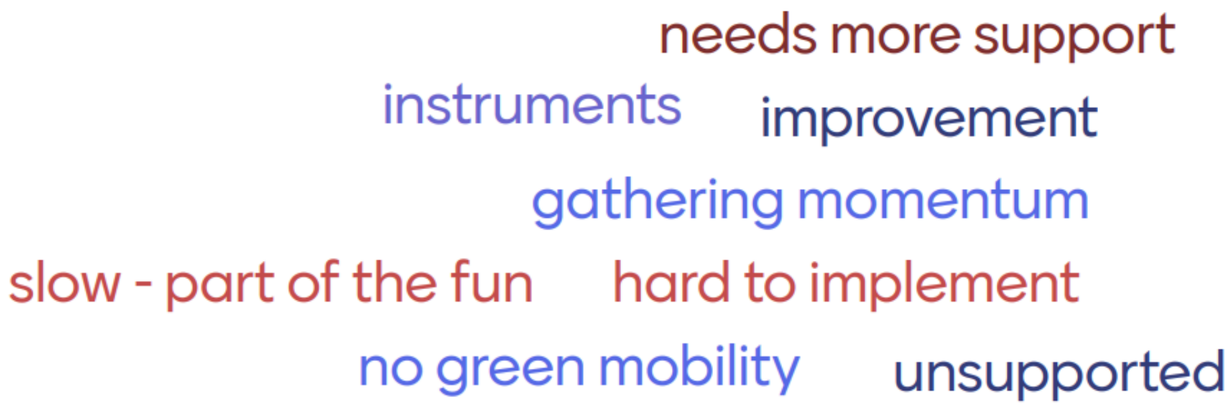
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What do you hope to get from today's session?



MENTIMETER

When you think about green mobility in your institution, what is the first thing that comes to mind?



AEC efforts towards greener mobility

- AEC Sustainability policy & Action plan

https://aec-music.eu/media/2026/05/Sustainability-Action-plan-2026.pdf

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AEC efforts towards greener mobility

- SHIFT-eco certificate for cultural networks

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AEC efforts towards greener mobility

- Travel incentive to arrive to the AEC events

- https://aec-music.eu/event/aec-annual-congress-2026/sustainability-support/

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AEC efforts towards greener mobility

- Play Green! Recommendations for the Green shift in the HMEIs

https://cms.aec-music.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Play-Green-Recommendations1-1.pdf

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AEC efforts towards greener travel

- Green newsletter
- Raising awareness at the events

AEC efforts towards greener mobility

- AEC Network of Sustainability/Green officers

https://aec-music.eu/news-article/aec-network-of-sustainability-officers/


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Plays Green
Il Nostro Impegno
Ispirati dal gruppo europo europeo AEC Goes Green, vogliamo integrare pratiche eco-responsabili nella didattica, negli eventi artistici e nella gestione quotidiana del nostro storico Conservatorio.
La musica come forza motrice per il cambiamento ecologico. Villa Mecenati abbraccia le raccomandazioni europee AEC per una transizione sostenibile della formazione musicale superiore.

Let's discuss

2 groups, 12 minutes each question

Let's discuss

Q1: Does your institution have a Travel policy?
Which points does it include?
If you don't know if there is a policy, which points would you include?

Let's discuss

Q2: Is the environmental approach at your institution meeting students' demands?
Who is shaping the policy?

Let's discuss

Q3: What prevents a green policy from being successfully implemented?

DEBRIEFING

Green Travel Online Tools

• **Graz University's carbon tracer** to see how much will your travel impact in terms of gas emissions:	• https://carbontracer.uni-graz.at/en
• An interactive, highly visual **map** tool that shows **how far a traveler can travel by train from any European station in 1 to 8 hours :**	• https://www.chronotrains.com/en
• This **map showcases all the night trains in Europe**. It also shows the emission of the train compared to bus, car and plane.	• https://back-on-track.eu/night-train-map/
• This platform helps you to **generate a personalised, gamified 2030 sustinability roadmap.**	• https://pslifestyle-app.net/

for students

Green Travel Online Tools

• **Carbon footprint calculator specialised for Erasmus + projects**, youth exchanges, training courses, meetings etc.	• www.greendex.world
• A platform that **groups students travelling the same route** so they can coordinate trains together (social + greener)	• https://www.go2rail.eu
• Another **platform promoting green Erasmus travel** :	• https://www.interrail.com/en/interrail-passes/erasmus
• Digital repository and to **recognise and promote green soft skills**	• https://view.genially.com/667010b715e98800146f274c

What recommendations could result from our discussion?

Questions?

Thoughts?

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Thank you!

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1) Berlin : ~~declaration~~
~~Hamburg~~ justify of plane
: justify of plane is necessary to get refund if train
Maastricht : benefit if using bycicle (also moving)
Berlin : control who uses bycicle the most
Hamburg : the university pays a collaboration if Travelling by plane
: reduction of cost of Transports
Maastricht : no car park

Travel Policy points

- Reimburse bike hire when travelling
- E-Bike Policy for commute - help with purchase cost
- Economy travel for most people (business is a special exception)
- France reimburse bus pass 50-75%
- Journey time thresholds - eg if journey less than 8h then say have to go by train
- Minimal car parking nearby

Points to include

- Reimburse/buy-back bus pass (instead of drive)

Q2 Sydney - Sustainability Team - full time job - research - 2-way - smaller groups within faculty

London - ESG Team - staff/students volunteers - Green Week

Paris - one person looking at different missions - environment

Eisenstadt - IRC shaping policy - suggesting up to director + province

Hamburg - behaviours (general)
(switch off the screen)
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- Berlin - class / meeting about climate

- Italy - 2 bodies for all elections

- Maastricht - students organize by themselves issues of sustainability

Legamaster

- Student credits for extraordinary travel
- Change the default to why plane? Justify
- Onboarding students – Sustainability staff
- Threshold enforcing