

Dear colleagues,

Following the successful **'Interactive Workshop on International Strategies – creating, implementing and sustaining'** prior to the IRC meeting in Antwerp in 2013, the Erasmus Network for Music 'Polifonia' team would like to invite you to the follow-up **'Interactive Workshop on Teacher Mobility from a Strategic Perspective'** prior to the IRC meeting 2014. As last year, this seminar will be organised by the Polifonia Working Group on 'Recognition, Mobility and Joint Programmes'.

This seminar will take the discussions during the 2013 seminar on the strategic use of internationalisation to a next level by focussing on teachers' mobility. How do we deal with the mobility of teachers: bottom-up (we facilitate a teacher mobility according to the suggestion of the teacher himself), top-down (we send teachers somewhere with a specific reason connected to an institutional strategy) or a combination of both? And if there would be a top-down approach, what would be the rationale? Continuing professional development, the promotion of student mobility, recruitment, external examining, comparing standards or other considerations?

Furthermore, experience shows that the practical organisation of teacher mobility requires careful consideration. How can we promote teacher mobility? How can we support teacher mobility best? What are examples of good practice in relation to financial arrangements? What kind of service should be provided in terms of travel and accommodation? How does one prepare a programme? What role is there to play for the IRC and the departments? Is ERASMUS+ the only tool for teacher mobility or are there other possibilities?

In this interactive workshop we would like to take you on a journey through all different stages and aspects of what it means to prepare and implement teacher mobility. Reference will be made to homework submitted by the participants in relation to the workshop topic, so that issues related to individual institutions can be addressed.

In order to prepare this, participants will be asked to submit the description of:

1. A successful situation related to teacher mobility
2. A challenging situation related to teacher mobility

... experienced during the development and/or implementation of teacher mobility at her/his institution (200 words in total) when registering for the workshop.

With a limited number of participants (30) we hope to create a pleasant but also challenging atmosphere in which we are able to engage in in-depth discussions. As a concrete outcome of the workshop, the Polifonia Working Group would like to present a 'Tips & Tricks Document on Teacher Mobility' that will be presented at one of the future IRC meetings.

The seminar will take place on **Thursday and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014** at the Royal Academy of Aalborg, one day prior to the Annual Meeting for International Relations Coordinators of Conservatoires, which will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Please note that workshop places are limited to 30 participants. Once the maximum number of participants is reached, registration will be closed.

To register for the **['Interactive Workshop on Teacher Mobility from a Strategic Perspective'](#)**, please click **[HERE](#)**.

We look forward to meeting and spending an interesting time with you!

Yours sincerely,  
The Polifonia Working Group 5

**'Interactive Workshop on Teacher Mobility from a Strategic Perspective'**

Number of participants: 30 (all backgrounds, newcomers or advanced IRCs)

Participation fee: 50 EUR per person

Programme

<b>Thursday, 25th September 2014</b>	
14:30 – 16:00	<b>The POLICY perspective: teacher mobility and its strategic role in institutional development</b>  Short introduction by Keld Hosbond (RAMA Aarhus /Det Jyske Musikkonservatorium) and Martin Prchal (Koninklijk Conservatorium Den Haag) followed by discussions in smaller groups informed by homework done by participants beforehand.
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<b>The TEACHERS' perspective: what does a teacher mobility bring?</b>  Short introduction by Niels-Ole Bo Johansen (Professor of trombone, RAM Aarhus – to be confirmed) and Jiannis Toulis (professor of cello, University of Corfu Music Department) followed by discussions in smaller groups.
18:30	Joint dinner
<b>Friday, 26th September 2014</b>	
10:00 – 11:30	<b>The PRACTICAL perspective: strategies to promote an efficient implementation of teacher mobility</b>  Short introduction by Knut Myhre (Norwegian Academy of Music Oslo) and Maija Sipola (Latvian Academy of Music Riga) followed by discussions in smaller groups informed by homework done by participants beforehand.
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Closing remarks and wrap-up</i>