**Nordplus Executive Committee Meeting**  
18th June 2014, Copenhagen

**Participants:**

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**Agenda**

1. NOAS financial support
2. NOAS second year evaluation
3. Distribution of network grants 2014/2015
4. Criteria for network membership
5. Criteria for network structure
6. Sibelius network coordination from 2015/2016
7. Mobility grant reporting
8. Nordplus scholarship issue (letter of ANMA ExeCom)
9. IRC Forum in Viljandi (programme, topics etc)
10. Evaluation form for the IRC Forum
11. Any other business

**1. NOAS financial support**

CIMO did not grant funding to the further development of NOAS and the application to Letterstedska Föreningen was not approved. Funds will be allocated by ANMA, no specific figures have been discussed yet. So far, 60 000 NOK has been paid for NOAS development.

**2**. **NOAS second year evaluation**Things discussed in autumn have not been properly followed. Representatives of the ExeCom (Björn Einar Halvorsen, Hanneleen Pihlak, Keld Hosbond) will organise a meeting with Frode Thorsen and the IT department of the Grieg Academy. The meeting could be held on August 25th with a partial overlap with the Polifonia site visit.   
A written agreement about the implementation of the current updates and possible further support should be set up with the IT department with specific deadlines and sums. The legal department of the Bergen University could be consulted.  **3. Distribution of network grants**

**Sibelius** 146 060 EUR  
Mobility 120 000  
IC Improvise to Improve 26 060

Sibelius network mobility grant increased 20 000 EUR; however, several IPs were turned down.

**Nordpuls** 107 000 EUR   
Mobility 60 000  
IC Africa meets the Nordics 13 000  
IC Girl Power in Jazz 18 000  
DP Ensemble Teaching Development 16 000

The grant has increased 10 000 compared to last year.

**Nordopera** 81 000 EUR  
Mobility 33 000  
IC Operetta and classical music workshop 18 000  
IC We make an Opera 30 000

No funding was granted to the IC connected with the Audition. Leftover grants from the academic year 2013/2014 will be used for support.

**Nordtrad**25 000 EUR  
Mobility 25 000

No increase in mobility.

**4. Criteria for network membership**   
Adding new members is a problematic issue as the general network grants may not raise but the funding would need to be divided over more members and projects.

Criteria for members: BA (at least 3 years), MA, PhD programmes; teacher training and performance programmes; entrance examinations; ANMA membership.

**5. Criteria for network structure**

* Should there be a common structure to be followed by all networks?
* Is there a need for a working group?
* Should the network coordinator be a member of the working group?

The working group has shared responsibility over the content and administration: it coordinates the network as well as has a mandate for activities and the division of finances.

The ExeCom strongly recommends that the **network coordinators are members of relevant WGs**, possibly as chairmen.

No money is intended for WG meeting but 5% of mobility financing can be used for that purpose.

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Networks (coordinators members of ExeCom)

**6. Sibelius network coordination from 2015**

Knut will retire in spring 2016. The successor should already be responsible for the application 2015/2016 as he/she also needs to submit the report. The coordination could have a set time-frame, e.g. 3 years. Coordination is a workload both for the administrator and the accountancy (10-15 % of a full time position).

**7. Mobility grant reporting**From the academic year 2014/2015, signed mobility grant agreements should be sent to network coordinators by **1st of February** each year. After that date, the “reserved” money becomes available for others institutions and requests.

**8. Nordplus scholarship issue**

The Baltic students receive only the Nordplus grant for the exchange period, making it exceedingly difficult to manage in a Nordic country. A letter will be compiled by the ANMA ExeCom drawing attention to the matter and suggesting flexibility in awarding scholarships to the students. ANMA ExeCom members will send the letter to their representatives of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

**9. IRC Forum in Viljandi**

21st - 22st October. Arrival 20th, departure 22nd or 23rd if participating in the optional excursion.  
If similar arrival times are possible, joint bus transport can be organized from Tallinn to Viljandi.

**21. October**9.00 – 9.30   
Registration  
Presentation of the participants with the focus on new achievements over the academic year.

9.30 – 11.00   
School topics, music education in Estonia and Viljandi, financial information. Department presentation (international work, programmes)  
11.00 – 12.00   
Nordplus topics (networks, financing discussions. Kenneth Lundin and ANMA ExeCom members could be invited)  
12.00 – 13.45   
Lunch, visit to the Traditional Music Centre, performance.

Bus to a cottage outside Viljandi, afternoon session

14.15 – 16.30   
Keynote speech **Nordic/Baltic Identity**

General presentation by an anthropologist from Tartu University  
Specific presentation about music and identity by a musician

The speakers could suggest topics for the presentations. Each group could discuss all topics, but report back one question.

Homework could be given to the participants. The table leaders could look into the homework. The table leaders should be from outside the ExeCom.

Financing options could be a continuing topic of the meetings, as both private and public fundraising is becoming a big part of IRC job. Kenneth Lundin could be invited to give a presentation on application writing (strategic thinking around applications, budgets etc).

Group work, presentations of group work presentations

16.30 – 17.00 Networking  
17.00 – 19.00 Smoke sauna  
19.00 Dinner

**22nd October**9.00 - 9.30 Coffee, start of networking

9.45 - 12.00 NOAS + additional issues (ideas for IPs, new developments)

12.45 Optional excursion + lunch until the evening, sauna (Cost approx 70 – 80 EUR)

Hotel 55 – 60 EUR, rooms have been already pre-booked

**10. Evaluation form for the IRC Forum**

From 2014, minutes will be made after each meeting and an evaluation form will be circulated. An online form with checkboxes and comment sections (e.g. surveymonkey) is preferable. Participants will be also asked to suggest topics for the next meeting. The form should be sent after the meeting, not during the final session.

**11. Any other business**

**Mobility overview tool**It is suggested to try out an automatically generated spreadsheet (via Google docs or similar) for mobility overview with one sheet for each network. It could also be used for keeping track of finances.

This will be developed over the fall and introduced at the next IRC forum

**Next IRC Forum location**

2015 suggestions: Malmö, Turku, Oslo (Barratt Due Institute of Music), Copenhagen  
Can also be an open call   
2016 Sweden