**Nordplus Executive Committee Meeting**
29th January 2014, Copenhagen

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**Agenda:**

1. Evaluation of the Reykjavik meeting
2. Network administration
3. Application/reporting system and forms
4. NOAS updates
5. Financing (NOAS, nordplusmusic web)
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**Evaluation of the Reykjavik meeting**

* Workshop presentations were good, discussions would have needed more concrete questions and output. One person from each group could be asked to report back after the discussions. The general format is good as it gives a chance to everyone to contribute.
* IRC Forum 2014 topic suggestion: Nordic/Baltic identity – a comparative presentation (similarities, different perspectives (historical, social, educational). A person from the host institution in Viljandi could make a presentation on these topics – or an open call for their own suggestions
* **Minutes of IRC Forums will be made and meeting evaluation collected after each meeting from 2014**

**Network administration**

* All Nordplusmusic networks should have the same basic structure
* The network coordinator should be a member of the network working group
* The contact person within the networks should be the IRC
* Network coordinators should send WG minutes also to the Executive Committee

**Application/reporting system and forms**

* Actual teacher mobility reporting is often delayed, therefore network coordinators cannot be certain which exchanges will take place and how much financing is available for upcoming requests.
* From 2014, actual mobility grant agreements need to be sent to network coordinators by **1st February.**Financing left over from unconfirmed exchanges becomes available for new requests.
* The updated forms were discussed. The new requirements of the annual report will be checked to see what data needs to be included and what could be excluded
* The possibility for collecting mobility data online via Google Forms or similar will be checked

**NOAS updates**

* Updates have been made and the system is ready to be launched.

Sound clips from the previous round have been deleted; applications have been copied and saved at a separate location for statistics.

NOAS 2.0 includes a waiting list option, possibility to decline an incoming application with a message etc.

**Financing** (**NOAS, nordplusmusic web)**

* A development project proposal will be submitted to Sibelius network for NOAS development. Other Nordic funding possibilities will be considered. If no external financing is received, each institution could contribute within the ANMA membership fee.
* The Nordplusmusic webpage will be financed through ANMA as existing networks receive no network support.

**Upcoming network activities 2013/2014**

**Sibelius**

* IP Improvise to Improve (18th - 22nd August, Helsinki)
* Chamber Orchestra project VIATORE (April/May, Riga)

**Nordpuls**

* Development project in Ensemble Teaching (8th - 10th April, Aalborg)
* IP Girl Power in Jazz (5th - 9th May, Tallinn)

**Nordopera**

* Slavic Opera project (10th - 14th February, Järvenpää)

**Nortrad**

* Annual Conference (29th April - 4th May, Rauland)

For dissemination and visibility purposes it would be necessary to feature upcoming Nordplusmusic events on the web. Every 3rd month, Hanneleen will send out a call for information of upcoming activities.

**Network applications 2014/2015**

Deadline for sending project applications to network coordinators is **15th February.**
The current project plans include:

**Sibelius**

* IP Improvise to Improve (3rd round)
* Brass quintets IP (Gothenburg/Oslo/Copenhagen)
* Saxophone IP (Riga)

**Nordpuls**

* IP Girl Power in Jazz (2nd round)
* Development project in Ensemble Teaching (2nd round)

**Nordopera**

* IP + Audition (Tallinn)
* Biennale (Vilnius)

**Nordtrad**

* Annual Conference

**Erasmus+ and Nordplus**

* Differences between the cost of living in the Nordic and Baltic countries and between the Erasmus and Nordplus scholarships is too high. It’s increasingly difficult for the students to manage with the Nordplus scholarship on exchange.
* The possibility of raising the Nordplus grant (at least for Baltic students) should be investigated. Kenneth Lundin from CIMO will be contacted asking for ways to approach the issue. ANMA statement could be of help.

**Connection with ANMA**

* ANMA should be more connected to Nordplusmusic
* The next ANMA Annual Meeting and General Assembly will take place in Vilnius 9th – 10th May. Members of the Nordplusmusic Exe Com could be invited to participate (ANMA Exe Com meets on the 8th of May)

**Next Exe Com meeting**

* 17th – 18th June (if linked with a meeting with the ANMA Exe Com)

Nordplus meeting will take place on the 17th followed by a joint dinner and a joint meeting of the two committees on the 18th.