

Report on NordPULS activities 2012/13

NordPULS is the Nordic-Baltic network for jazz, pop and rock (within the Nordpuls programme strand: Higher Education). Members are 27 institutions, of which two are exclusive jazz-institutions, i.e. Rhythmic Music Conservatory (RMC) in Copenhagen and FÍH Tonlistarskólinn in Reykjavík).

2012/13 NordPULS received the following grants (in Euro):

• Mobility (students, teachers and express mobility for students)	50 000
• Projects: Intensive course: "Nomazz meets the Baltics 3"	17 000
Joint study programme:	
"Den komponerende musiker" (the Composing Musician)	11 600
Network activities	<u>7 000</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>85 600</i>

Most institutions use Erasmus for "normal" student mobility (more than one month). Thus, the teachers' mobility and especially express mobility are the most frequent mobility activities within NordPULS. For example, express mobility (for students) is used in an on-going co-operation project between the RMC in Copenhagen and Gothenburg and Oslo. The teachers' participation in the same project is supported as teachers' exchange. Also, especially positive is that FÍH in Reykjavík is participating in the PULS mobility as they can not participate in Erasmus due to their status as a non Higher Education institution.

The Intensive course: "Nomazz meets the Baltics 3" was this year arranged in Vilnius. (The pervious two years it was arranged in Tallinn). The Nomazz students meets the jazz students from the three Baltic capitals and work in project form together, give concerts and have a lot of jam sessions and other fun during a week.

Support for the joint study programme "The composing musicians" is a developing grant for such a programme between RMC, Gothenburg and Oslo and it is a result of the above-mentioned exchanges between the same institutions. The development project is managed by Oslo and received this grant for the second year.

Network activities are mainly the yearly October meeting of all Nordplus music networks and the preparation of that meeting, i.e. for Excom meetings. In addition to usual tasks, the Excom this year took an active part as a reference group in starting up the NOAS (Nordic On-line Application System) financed by ANMA. We are very grateful for that support from ANMA.

From the first year NordPULS network was establish in 1996 (inspired by the classical Nordplus networks) until this academic year 2012/13, the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, KMH, has been the network co-ordinator. From 2013/14 the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus/Aalborg will take over as the new network coordinator.

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