

16 - 19 September 2026

TCA

Music Across Borders: Building Sustainable Partnerships in Higher Music Education

"Giuseppe Verdi" Conservatoire

Milan (IT)

PROGRAMME



Profile of participants:

- International relations officers and staff members managing mobility programs, joint projects, and institutional partnerships in Higher Music Education Institutions
- Senior Managers (rectors, vice-rectors, deans, directors) responsible for internationalization, academic affairs, and strategic development in Higher Music Education Institutions
- Academic staff engaged in cross-border teaching initiatives in Higher Music Education Institutions
- Experts specialized in internationalization and innovation in higher music
- Education/Representatives of European and international organizations involved in higher music education cooperation and policy development.

The event offers a valuable opportunity for all participants to share knowledge, learn from each other's experiences, discuss current challenges, and contribute to the development of innovative and sustainable models for interinstitutional cooperation across Europe in the Higher Music Education sector.

16th September 2026

19.15 - 19.30 Registration of participants, Osteria Nanin Premuda

19.30 - 22.00 Welcome Dinner, Osteria Nanin Premuda

17th September 2026

9.00 - 10.00 Registration of participants, Sala Puccini foyer
Welcome coffee, Cloister

10.00 - 10.30 *Opening Session, Sala Puccini*

TCA opening: Words and Objectives of the Contact Seminar

- **Lavinia Monti**, Erasmus+ National Authority - Ministry of University and Research (Italy)
- **Sara Pagliai**, National Coordinator of INDIRE, Italian E+ National Agency
- **Finn Schumacker**, AEC Executive Director
- **Giovanni Fosti**, President of Conservatorio "G. Verdi" di Milano
- **Massimiliano Baggio**, Director of Conservatorio "G. Verdi" di Milano

10.30 - 11.15 *Plenary session, Sala Puccini*

Erasmus+ actions to support international cooperation

- Cooperation partnerships in Higher Education - **Valeria Biggi**, Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE
- Capacity Building in Higher Education - **Silvana Verdiani**, Programme and Project Advisor for Capacity Building in Higher Education, EACEA

Moderator: **Riccardo Ceni**, Conservatorio di Milano and AEC Council

11.15 - 11.45 *Coffee break, Cloister*

11.45 - 12.45 *Sala Puccini*

Best Practices from the Higher Music Education Sector

- **HarmaHub**: Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships in HE, presented by **Salvatore Gioveni**, Royal Conservatoire Brussels
- **Vietmus**: Erasmus+ Capacity Building in HE, presented by **Raffaele Longo**, Conservatorio L. Cherubini, Firenze

Q&A moderated by **Riccardo Ceni**

12.45 - 13.30 *Cloister*

Speed date session - introduced by **Sara Primiterra**

13.30 - 15.00 *Light lunch - Sala Colonne*

15.00 - 16.00 Parallel WORKING GROUPS

Let's make the project idea a reality!

- Cooperation Partnerships Group 1 - Facilitator **Salvatore Gioveni**
- Capacity Building Group 2 - Facilitator **Raffaele Longo**

Rapporteurs (1 per group):

16.00 - 16.30 *Coffee break, Cloister*

16.30 - 17.00 Working Groups - Plenary Feedback Session

Group outcomes will be shared via Padlet or an online form.

The plenary discussion will be interactive and dynamic, encouraging exchange and reflection among participants.

Moderated by **Finn Schumacker**

17.00 - 17.30 *Sala Puccini or Cloister*

Barcamp: Pitches & Session planning

Moderated by **Sara Primiterra**

The barcamp offers an open space to discuss participants' topics relating to the benefits of the international interinstitutional cooperation for music higher education Institutions, to identify specific challenges or wishes, to raise questions and to develop solutions and new ideas together in mutual exchange.

18.00 - 20.00 Transfer by bus to the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana

Departure at 18.00 from the Conservatoire, on Viale Bianca Maria, near No. 31. (Please be on time)

20.00

Transfer to the Gala Dinner at La Cantina del Giannone and return by bus at the meeting point of departure

18th September 2026

9.30 - 10.00 Registration of participants, Welcome coffee

10.00 - 11.30 *Plenary session, Sala Puccini*

Erasmus+ actions to support international cooperation

Introduction **Michelangelo Galeati**, Conservatorio Santa Cecilia di Roma

- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree - by **Francesco Girotti**, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
- University Alliances – IN.TUNE, the University Alliance in Music, by **Martin Prchal**, Royal Conservatoire The Hague and **Samuele Riva**, University of the Arts, The Hague

11.30 - 13.30 *At least 4 different available rooms - final number and availability to be confirmed*

Barcamp with coffee break

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11.30 - 12.30 Barcamp: Session-Block 1 (up to 4 sessions in parallel)

12.30 - 12.45 Change of room

12.45 - 13.30 Barcamp: Session-Block 2 (up to 4 sessions in parallel)

13.30 - 14.30 *Light lunch*

14.30 - 15.30 *Plenary session, Sala Puccini*

Panel Discussion with **Students of the Erasmus Orchestra**
Moderated by **Sara Pagliai** and **Finn Schumacker**

Final remarks

Sara Pagliai and **Finn Schumacker**

15.30 - 19.00 **Free time**

19.00

Sala Verdi

Concert of the Erasmus Orchestra, **open concert**

20.30

Dinner at Conservatorio

19th September 2026

Day of departure

