

## 2019 Call for a New Member: AEC International Relations Coordinators Working Group (IRC WG)

The IRC WG is one of the oldest working groups within the AEC. One of its main tasks is the strengthening of the international orientation of the AEC member institutions by organising an annual meeting for the IRCs. The group also gives expert advice on content, suggests presenters and presents or moderates at the events themselves. As of December 2017, the IRC working group is contributing to Strand 4 on Internationalisation and Transnational Mobility of the AEC project “Strengthening Music in Society” - funded by the EU Creative Europe Programme.

In addition to the **planning of the AEC Annual Meeting for International Relations Coordinators**, the WG tasks include:

- Acting as an ‘observatory’ for issues that arise in the field of internationalisation and transnational mobility and acting, when requested, as an expert advisory and/or advocacy group to AEC Council
- Monitor the online tools for mobility created and managed by the AEC (AEC website, Online Vacancy Platform, EASY - European Online Application System)
- Creating tools, guidelines, policy statements, etc. relevant to the field

This work is carried out in close contact with the AEC Office and the AEC Council.

The [IRC WG](#) is composed of 6 members and is paired with the EASY Task Force in the monitoring of the online tools for mobility. It meets usually three times a year to work on the relevant topics (in the Winter, in the Spring and at the IRCs Meeting in September). In addition, individual members of the IRC WG might take over special tasks requiring additional homework and additional travel activities. The participation in a WG is voluntary and unpaid. However, depending on the available funding the AEC can reimburse the costs incurred for travel, accommodation and meals. Until September 2021 trips of the IRCs WG are mostly covered by the SMS project grant.

**The IRC Development WG is looking for a new active member** who is ready and able to contribute to the fulfillment of the general tasks of the IRC WG by giving some fresh and new inputs to the group. [Please click here for more information about the general tasks and guidelines for the AEC Working Groups.](#) The new member should be available to join the WG meetings taking place in 2020 on 10<sup>th</sup> of January in Vigo and 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September in Vigo.

The appointment of the working group members lasts 3 years. After this 3-years term, the member can re-apply to renew its term for another 3 years. After this second term, the member has to leave the group unless it is appointed as chairman for another 3+3 years term.

The call is open for staff members of any AEC member institution. Applicants may be either members of the administrative or the teaching staff or be part of the institution's management. In any case, they should be involved in managing the international relations at their home institution. AEC wishes to ensure a balanced composition of the WG in terms of geographical origin, expertise and gender. Therefore, applications from female candidates are warmly encouraged.

Applications including **CV and motivation letter of the candidate, accompanied by a supporting letter by a senior manager of her/his home institution** must be sent in electronic form by **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019** to the IRC working group coordinator Sara Primiterra at [events@aec-music.eu](mailto:events@aec-music.eu). The decision on the appointment is made by a selection committee, consisting of members of the IRC WG, the AEC Council and the AEC Office.