

MINSTREL project

Music **N**etwork **S**upporting
Trans-national exchange and dissemination of
music **R**esources at **E**uropean **L**evel



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Culture Programme



What is MINSTREL?

Minstrel is a 3 year European Project funded under the Culture programme and implemented by a network of 12 European music organizations, aiming at supporting the:

- trans-national circulation of Music Works
- mobility of Musicians (artists, groups, professionals)
- exchange of national Music Cultures

Why MINSTREL exists?

European countries have a very rich music tradition and life, which stays however restricted by the local borders.

Minstrel tries to overcome this issue offering new opportunities for the local music culture and the musicians in the frame of the European family.

Why the name MINSTREL?

Minstrel is the acronym of the project title but in the same time "Minstrels" were also early time wandering musicians in European cities and countries, performing historical, tale and epic songs. These musicians were the vehicle of musical exchanges at this time.

How MINSTREL supports the circulation of Music Works?

MINSTREL project is developing an Internet platform open to the public, where all digitized musical material (including these from libraries or archives) will be available to anyone, not only as preview, but also the whole content, for free or covering the costs of right holders. Any legal owner/holder of such material can use the platform to make available his digitized music material at any price he wants.

How MINSTREL supports the mobility of musicians?

A series of actions is planned that can enhance the mobility of musicians:

European Database of music ensembles and bands. ■

This database will be open for any music ensemble active in EU to be registered for free, declaring its repertoire, works samples, fees, contacts etc. The presentation will be uniform and searchable.

European Database of music organizers, promoters and music events ■

This web platform has the goal to strengthen the bridge between the artists and the public. It is open to all organizers of concerts, festivals, music events etc, as well the artists' managers, promoters and agencies. The DB will be also expanded to important music events in the European countries.

"Music showcases" ■

for musicians and ensembles inviting as audience the local and international music industry and managers.

Residency programmes ■

for creators or performers from one country to another for a specific goal.

Exchange of professionals ■

and experts on music domain, between the participation countries.

How MINSTREL supports local music cultures?

Collaborative events are planned that will bring the local music outside the borders. Such as:

"Music exchanges" ■

During a selected "celebration" period, a series of events is organized in one country promoting the music of another country.

Collective transnational events ■

These events are specific concerts, thematic music festivals or other events, where every participant country will provide representative material from its culture.

Communication and dissemination events ■

These are thematic workshops, meetings, conferences, as well as participation at the international music fora.



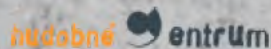
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Coordinator:



Institute for Research on Music and Acoustics -
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Co-organizers:



Music Centre Slovakia



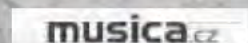
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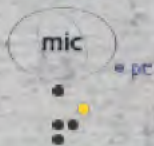
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