

# THE AEC DECLARATION



Our different goals:

- § statement on our belief
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*Association  
Européenne des  
Conservatoires,  
Académies de  
Musique et  
Musikhochschulen*

appeal to our different governments

- § reply to the Bologna declaration
- § particular issues

The following declaration is proposed:

The AEC welcomes the principle, laid out in the Bologna Declaration, of establishing a Europe-wide co-ordinated system of higher education based on national individual two main cycles, undergraduate and graduate.

The Association strongly affirms the principle, based upon substantial experience from member institutions in many European countries and regions, that programmes involving the pursuit of practical instrumental, vocal and compositional study to the highest levels of excellence can and should be regarded as fully appropriate to both of the cycles described above.

The Association believes it to be essential to the optimum functioning of musical higher education in Europe that all its member institutions, among whom there is broad recognition of mutual compatibility, should be able to participate fully in exchange, transfer and progression of students within both

of these cycles. In this context, the Association particularly urges the rapid recognition by countries such as Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece that practically-based musical study is applicable in principle to both cycles.

4. The Association would be pleased to place at the disposal of individual countries and their education ministries the considerable expertise held by staff from its member institutions in the evaluation and quality assurance of programmes of study in music at both graduate and undergraduate level.

*Declaration adopted by the General Assembly of the AEC on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999 – G. Enescu Concert Hall – Universitatea de Muzica Bucuresti – Romania.*

After discussion, this declaration is adopted: 27 approval, no against, 2 abstentions.

Technical terms will be appropriately translated according to national systems. It is also agreed that this declaration will be used in addition to specific letters for exceptional situations as Romania, Spain, Italy... according to each national problem (national representatives will inform the President of their national situation). Specific letters will be written and signed by the President on behalf of all AEC membership.

A general “credo” will be written including the mention that governments should recognize the higher price of music education (in comparison to most of the other areas). This “credo” will be more general, more complete. It will be submitted to the next General Assembly. We need time for it.