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IETM

International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts



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We are **IETM - International Network for the Contemporary Performing Arts**, one of the **oldest** and **largest** international cultural networks in the world, representing the voice of around **430 members** based in over **65 countries** working in the **contemporary performing arts worldwide**.

With over 45 years of history, our network is a **vehicle for transnational conversations** in response to the need of the performing arts sector to constantly research, share and promote **new innovative ways of collaborating internationally**.

By highlighting new **trends, models, innovations** and **challenges** emerging from our members and the sector at large, we play a key role in **advocating** for the value of the arts and **improving** the conditions and recognition of the performing arts sector worldwide.

Our ultimate goal is to **safeguard yet feed new life into international collaboration** and offer new **transnational oxygen** for artistic works.

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Our **international events** offer a wide array of opportunities: meet and engage with international peers, exchange ideas on crucial topics and explore local artistic scenes.

Once a year, we hold our **Plenary Meeting**, our largest event gathering up to 500 participants, always in a different location.

NEW IN
2025-2028



Innovative members-only **training programmes** on crucial topics for the development of our sector: **green transition**, **advocacy** actions, **fair practices** and **community building**.



- **Community initiatives** to strengthen and enhance our network (Global Connect and more new projects coming in 2026 & 2027)
- **Partnerships** to create new knowledge and address the needs of our members and the performing arts sector at large. (Perform Europe, Europe Beyond Access and more)

We **represent the members' voices** by setting policy agendas and influencing the European and international policy discourse on culture. We collect evidence, conduct relevant research, produce policy papers and run campaigns.

We are part of the **Performing Arts Coalition (PAC)** to strengthen the role of the performing arts in society by advocating for policies that recognise their unique value.



We **produce** and **commission** research papers, reports, mappings, articles and essays, available both in **written** and **audio** format, connected to our activities or researching specific relevant topics.



We **inform** our members and the sector at large about our activities and the work of our members, and **circulate** news from our partners and the sector via our contact lists and **channels**.



What's in it for venues?

IETM has been a key partner in shaping **forward-looking venues** and adding an **international perspective** to local discourses.

*“IETM always offers me **challenging, exciting and surprising contacts**. It is much more than a network of similar organisations, allowing the discovery of **new regions and partners** and interesting **dialogue** and insight. And IETM doesn't avoid **difficult topics** in this changing world. If IETM would not exist, somebody would have to invent it.”*

Michael De Cock, KVS Artistic Director, Belgium



- Build **strong relationships** with partners abroad to **exchange good practices** and to **co-design international/transnational projects**
- **Open up** to foreign organisations for them to spread their work throughout your local region and vice versa
- Get **training and career development opportunities** for your team, from junior to senior positions
- Discover innovations and new works through our **events' sessions** and **artistic programmes**
- Put your venue and context on the **international radar**

and more!

What's in it for public funding bodies?

Organisations providing support to the performing arts field, nationally as well as internationally, can become **IETM Associate Members**.

They have the same rights as other members, plus some **special benefits**:

- Access to an **exclusive forum for peer exchange and information sharing on the network's activities and international policy developments**, via online and in-person meetings during IETM events
- Organise **national delegations** of performing arts professionals **to IETM events**, with a reduced €50 registration fee for each delegate
- Participate in a **special information session during IETM Plenary Meetings** to share their activities and opportunities
- **Co-create** some IETM projects (example: [IETM Global Connect](#)) and advocacy actions
- **Support the network** through their membership fee
- **Support [IETM Global Connect](#)**, a programme aiming to make IETM more inclusive, diverse, accessible, global and eco-responsible

MEET OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



Why should you join?

- NETWORKING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

IETM events

- **Free registration** to events for members' representatives and **free access** to all IETM webinars
- **Pitch projects** on-site or digitally
- Apply to **travel grants** for Plenary Meetings and join our **buddy system**

Free training programmes and community-building activities

- Online training programmes (**IETM Schools**)
- Members-only projects to strengthen the IETM community and the relationship between members

Members-only digital tools

- Search and use the **IETM database**, with over 15,000 active profiles in the performing arts and participate in **forum** discussions
- Publish **members' news**, **resources** and **calls to actions** on all IETM's channels with a global reach
- Read the monthly **members-only newsletter**, receive news about IETM partnerships (Perform Europe, Europe Beyond Access and more) and tailored information about projects and calls from other members
- Join one of the **IETM members' working groups** or create your own



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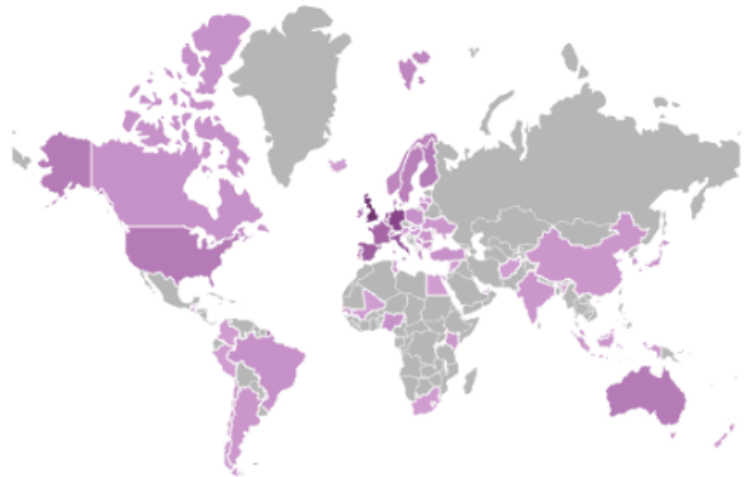
- Contribute to our **research activities** and **policy actions** via questionnaires, focus groups and membership strategy brainstorm
- **Gain and create** new knowledge, ideas and policy proposals with fellow IETM members on the most **burning topics** for our sector and of our time
- Be represented in network dialogues at the **European Union level** as well as towards other European and **international policymaking bodies**
- Stay **up to date** with what's going on in your sector worldwide
- Influence our network's policy and **vote** and **apply** to be elected in the IETM Board or Advisory Committee at the yearly IETM General Assembly

IETM Members

Our members are **organisations** and **freelancers** working worldwide in the contemporary performing arts. We currently count around **430 members**, based in over **65 countries** worldwide. This translates into **~1500 professionals**.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST IETM MEMBERS:

1. United Kingdom
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. Belgium
5. Spain
6. France
7. Netherlands
8. Denmark
9. Australia
10. Finland



We welcome all performing arts professionals, **without any hierarchy**. Our members represent **all performing arts disciplines** and include **all players** in the sector: **artistic companies, collectives, festivals, venues, residencies, producers and independent artists, theatres and dance houses, cultural/research/resource centres, fellow artistic and cultural networks, universities and institutional bodies**.

This multifaceted composition offers a **unique networking opportunity** infused with IETM's signature **informality**.

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How to join?

Our membership fee is **based on the annual turnover** of your organisation (total income received in one year: subsidies, ticketing, sponsorship, subsidies or other kinds of support from public or private funds, etc.) and is valid from **January to December** of the current year.

Annual turnover	Annual membership fee	Annual membership fee
Cat. 1	under € 50.000	€ 138
Cat. 2	from € 50.000 to € 100.000	€ 345
Cat. 3	from € 100.000 to € 230.000	€ 533
Cat. 4	from € 230.000 to € 500.000	€ 726
Cat. 5	from € 500.000 to € 750.000	€ 820
Cat. 6	> € 750.000	€ 1080
	Associate Members	€ 2610
	Associate Members supporting the IETM Global Connect	€ 4280

Are you ready to join us?

Follow the steps below:

1. Create your IETM account or log into your existing one
2. Read our internal rules
3. Submit your **membership request** here
4. **Settle your membership fee** after receiving your invoice via email

After your IETM membership is active, the IETM team will contact you to schedule an **individual welcome session** where you will discover more about our network, your membership benefits and what opportunities can better suit your needs.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact **Ilaria De March**, IETM Membership Officer at membership@ietm.org for any specific questions regarding our membership



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