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Teaching Music – Shaping Society
VLAMO Conference and WFAO General Assembly 2026
5 to 8 November 2026 in Ghent, Belgium

Hosted by VLAMO
Venue: De Abt van Orval, Lange Kruisstraat 4, Ghent
Hotel: Ibis Gent Centrum Sint-Baafs-Kathedraal, Limburgstraat 2, Ghent

Speaker List to Date

	Speaker	Organisation	Subject
Conference Opening	Jan Matthys	VLAMO	
	Helge Lorenz	WFAO	
Welcome & Overview	Steven Hellemans	WFAO / VLAMO	
Keynote Speech	Pedro De Bruyckere	Arteveldehogeschool Ghent / University Utrecht	Teaching Music – Shaping Society
Presentations (external)	Dirk Lievens	DKO	The official system of music education in Flanders (working title)
	Rutger Nuyts a.o.	EMJ Neerpelt	European Music Festival for young People, Neerpelt (Belgium)
	Robert Vroegindeweij	IMC / EMC	Teaching music, shaping society with diversity (working title)
Presentations (internal)	N.N.	BDLO / BMCO	Good practice on musical education projects in Germany
	Jüri-Ruut Kangur	EOFed	Some examples from Europe through the activities of EOFed
	Haruo Hiramatsu	JAO / NPO-WFAO	Good practice on musical education projects in Japan and Asia Some examples from Asia through the activities of JAO and NPO-WFAO
	Henrik Aarnes (or N.N.)	UNOF	Good practice on musical education projects in Norway and Scandinavia