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Founding of the EUROPEAN SOUNDMAKERS Musical Instrument Confederation

The European musical instrument sector unites under one umbrella organisation.

Paris, 6 November 2025 – Leading national associations of the European musical instrument and music equipment sector met last week in Paris and they are proud to announce the creation of the new European umbrella association: **European Soundmakers – Musical Instrument Confederation**. The Confederation's purpose is to represent the interests of manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers, specialised publishers and the artisanal instrument-making sector with a unified voice at a European level.

The founding members are :

- AVHN – Asociace Vyrobcu Hudebních Nástrojů (Czechia)
- CAFIM – Confederation of the European Music Industries e. V. (Germany)
- CSFI – La Chambre Syndicale de la Facture Instrumentale (France)
- COMÚSICA – Asociación Comerciantes Importadores y Exportadores de Instrumentos Musicales (Spain)
- DISMAMUSICA – Distribuzione Industria Strumenti Musicali e Artigianato (Italy)
- SOMM – Society Of Music Merchants e. V. (Germany)

The founding of the Confederation is the result of several years of joint preparation and essentially represents the merger of **CAFIM**, **AVHN** (mentioned above) with the **EMIA Alliance (European Music Instruments Alliance)**. The EMIA Alliance was founded in November 2020 in Berlin by CSFI, COMÚSICA, DISMAMUSICA and SOMM with the long-term aim of creating a unified European umbrella organisation.

A temporary Executive Committee has been appointed to support the launch of this new association. **Jérôme Perrod** (France) has been elected as the President. **Manel Puntí** (Spain) will serve as Vice-President and **Stelvio Lorenzetti** (Italy) as Treasurer.

European Soundmakers will **promote, represent and defend** the collective interests of the musical instrument sector, Europe wide. Core tasks include **advocacy** towards European and international institutions, **promotion of musical education and music-making**, collection coordination and implementation of **joint initiatives and projects**, analysis and dissemination of **market and sector data** and the development of **voluntary sustainability and quality standards**.

All activities will be conducted transparently, in compliance with applicable law, and with respect for the independence of national associations and craftsmen organisations.

The administrative procedures are underway with the French authorities – as the new association is based in Paris.

Membership of European Soundmakers is open to national associations across Europe. European companies and small businesses are likewise welcome to join this common European initiative that strengthens and represents our industry at the highest level. Further information on membership procedures is available via the press and office contacts.

“By establishing European Soundmakers we are opening a new chapter for our sector. After intensive collaborative preparation, Europe is now ready for a united voice — One Voice for Europe” said **Jérôme Perrod**, President of the Confederation.

About the initiative

European Soundmakers is the result of close cooperation among leading national industry networks. Its aim is to consolidate the interests of the entire musical instrument sector in Europe and to act as a reliable partner for policy-makers, business and culture.

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