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## Launch of the SWAN Project

### Supporting People with Additional Needs in Collective Singing

Norsk Sangerforum is delighted to announce the start of the [SWAN project](#)! SWAN stands for **S**inging **w**ith **A**dditional **N**eeds and seeks to draw on best practices from different European countries to include people in collective singing who have additional needs due to disabilities and/or physical or psychological health issues.

The SWAN project runs from 1 November 2023 to 31 July 2026. It is coordinated by Norsk Sangerforum and will receive 200.000 € of co-funding from the European Union.

The project takes a holistic approach, taking into account the complexity and intersectionality of people's additional needs and the diversity of skills and approaches needed to welcome everyone.

#### Aims of the SWAN Project

The SWAN project aims to:

- collect, scale and promote best practices in collective singing for people with additional needs
- provide transnational opportunities for collective singing professionals to engage with the best practices of other countries
- develop and make use of digital tools to support people with additional needs in participating
- make knowledge internationally accessible

#### Activities of the SWAN Project

The SWAN project's activities include:

- the development of digital tools
- calling for and collecting best practices
- sharing research, experimentation with and evaluation of certain best practices
- networking and knowledge-sharing through workshops, round-tables and conferences

During the project, partners will develop:

- computer scripts and e-book for singers with visual impairments
- reports on research, experimentation and outcomes
- guide for conductors leading a choir for cancer patients
- recordings of project events
- a database of best practices

## **Stay Up-to-Date on SWAN Opportunities**

The European Choral Association manages the SWAN project communications and all project updates can be found on its channels.

Keep visiting the project website at [swanproject.eu](http://swanproject.eu) and subscribe to the [European Choral Association newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date on the SWAN project!

## **Meet the SWAN Project Partners**

[Norsk Sangerforum](#) (NO), the coordinator of the SWAN project, is a national choral association in Norway, whose members are choirs and vocal ensembles all over the country. Norsk Sangerforum is also a member of several networks, both in Norway and internationally.

[European Choral Association](#) (DE) is a network of over 60 regional and national organisations and institutions in the field of collective singing. Through the Friends of the European Choral Association it also reaches choirs and individual professionals in the field.

[Kanker in Beeld](#) (NL) is a not-for-profit organisation in the Netherlands that has been established for over 25 years. It is an umbrella organisation of choirs (Singing for Life), studios for painting, theatre groups and dance groups. All activities are led by professionals in the field.

[Sing Ireland](#) (IE) develops and supports all forms of group singing in Ireland. It does this by providing quality experiences through activities led by Sing Ireland and by supporting the work of our members and the wider Irish choral sector.

Sing Ireland will also cooperate with the [Choral Culture Association](#) (TR) for activities in Türkiye. With the aim to develop, disseminate, and make choral culture permanent and sustainable, the association carries out choral events, concerts, masterclasses, conferences, study tours, as well as acting as a liaison for the European Choral Association in Türkiye. The association has more than 40 registered member choirs and 60 individual members from around Türkiye.



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