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## **Feniarco joins the SWAN Project - [swanproject.eu](https://swanproject.eu)**

### **Supporting People with Additional Needs in Collective Singing**

The SWAN project consortium is delighted to announce that **Feniarco** is joining the [SWAN project](https://swanproject.eu) as a partner from 27 September 2024!

#### **About 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 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

#### **About Feniarco**

[Feniarco](https://feniarco.it) unites over 120.000 singers through choirs associated at the regional level in Italy. The Italian choral network organises thousands of activities (concerts, workshops, special projects, publications, recordings, videos, conferences, masterclasses, festivals, web projects, new commissions, etc).

#### **Feniarco's Role in the SWAN Project**

Through the SWAN project, Feniarco will:

- gather a new set of data (figures and success stories) at the Italian national level about inclusive welcoming practices for people with disabilities in the field of music, as well as mental health, psycho-social risks and wellbeing for singers
- host a large European conference in Rome (end of 2024) and workshops (April 2025), to share and analyse the newly gathered results
- carry out new experimentations on these topics with partners in Europe
- deliver documentation about structuring skills certification systems and training paths in this area

## **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!

## **Other SWAN Project Partners**

[Feniarco](#) (IT) will join existing 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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