

NOMINATION FOR VENUES

ELIA LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2027



WHAT IS THE ELIA LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM?

ELIA Leadership Symposium is established as an event that brings together leaders from higher arts education institutions and universities across the globe for an important and timely discussion on current issues in leadership in higher arts education.

Through a combination of formal presentations by prominent keynote speakers followed by discussions and exclusive visits in the city, the Symposium creates a generative environment of conversation, building towards outcomes that will have tangible effects for the future of higher arts education institutions. It gathers approximately 200 participants.

For more information, please visit the ELIA Leadership Symposium website:

elia-artschools.org/page/ELIALeadershipSymposiums

Members are invited to nominate a host venue
for the 13th ELIA Leadership Symposium

DEADLINE: 15 December 2025



HOSTING THE ELIA LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



Previous institution hosts of ELIA Leadership Symposiums have appreciated the **unique opportunity to present themselves** to the European and International Art Education Institutes, and related national and international organisations.

The host institution also **actively participates in developing the content and programme of the symposium, arranges venues and logistics and promotes the event on a local and national level**. The organisation of the event is a joint venture. The ELIA Office will take care

of organising the programme, communications, reporting, recruitment and registration of delegates.

The ELIA Leadership Symposium also provides a **momentum for student engagement** and direct exchange between the leadership and students.

ELIA is committed to **minimising the ecological footprint of its events**, which affects the areas of travel, accommodation, venue, catering and materials produced and supplied. The host should follow the **event environmental**

guidelines and be ready to develop and implement an environmental sustainability plan for the ELIA Leadership Symposium together with the ELIA Office.

ELIA is committed to advancing social justice, raising awareness within the sector and beyond, regarding the complex and intersectional aspects of anti-discrimination. Making events more accessible and inclusive is a key priority.

PREVIOUS ELIA SYMPOSIUM EDITIONS

- 2003** Los Angeles, US | Hosted by the Getty Center
- 2005** London, UK | Hosted by the University of the Arts in London
- 2007** Hong Kong, China | Hosted by The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
- 2009** Zurich, Switzerland | Hosted by Zurich University of the Arts
- 2011** Vancouver, Canada | Hosted by Emily Carr University of Art and Design
- 2013** Helsinki, Finland | Hosted by the University of the Arts Helsinki
- 2015** Cape Town, South Africa | Hosted by the African Arts Institute
- 2017** Poznan, Poland | Hosted by University of the Arts in Poznan
- 2019** Hangzhou, China | Hosted by China Academy of Art
- 2022** Tallinn, Estonia | Hosted by Estonian Academy of Arts and Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre
- 2023** Manchester, United Kingdom | Hosted by Manchester School of Art, Manchester Metropolitan University

ELIA is currently preparing the 12th edition of the Leadership Symposium which will be hosted by **Geneva University of Art and Design (HEAD – Genève, HES-SO)** and take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 15 – 17 October 2025.



BUDGET

Before the planning begins, ELIA and the host institution will settle on an agreement. The budget will be jointly signed off and is generally estimated at €217.000. It is guaranteed that ELIA will raise a percentage of this amount through participation fees. The remaining amount will be raised by the host institution, most of which generally comes from 'in kind' contributions, as well as financial support from governmental and local authorities.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

To nominate your institution, please write an application which includes the following information:

1. An explanation of your motivation to host the ELIA Leadership Symposium 2027.
2. Information about the city in which your institution is situated (its location relative to international transportation hubs, airports or train stations; close by tourist activities; etc.)
3. Information about the venue (capacity, flexibility, technical facilities, hotels in the vicinity, environmental guidelines)

4. Possible financial support or partnerships necessary to develop the project (please refer to possible funding options for the €165.000 contribution)

For more information, please contact Janja Škerget, ELIA Conference Manager, at janja.skerget@elia-artschools.org.

Please email your expression of interest to host the ELIA Leadership Symposium 2027 to ELIA Executive Director, Maria Hansen at maria.hansen@elia-artschools.org.

**Deadline for nominations:
15 December 2025**

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Executive Group will make a preliminary decision regarding the venue for the ELIA Leadership Symposium that will be endorsed by the Representative Board.

