

Bulletpoints

Barometer Wereldmuziek Nederland over 2018

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Regarding venues (members of VSCD - Vereniging van Schouwburg- en Concertgebouwdirecties ; VNPF - Vereniging Nederlandse Poppodia en Festivals and VNO Vereniging Nederlandse Openluchttheaters)

- increase of 10% more worldmusic concerts as opposed to 2016
- overall 20% increase of horeca gross and venue rental (the latter not being invested in enhancing the artist's income but solely to enforce the venue's capital rata, fulfillment of the necessary arrears on premises, safety and energy requirements as well as attracting professionally skilled personnel)
- overall gross turn out increases on all levels

Regarding the worldmusicmarket

About 1900 bands/ensembles are semi-professionally working in the wordlmusic/trad market

Out of 25.000 members of Buma some 6% of them are registered as worldmusic composers

Professionally some 45 individuals are actively involved in the dispersion of worldmusic as booker/agent/promoter in the Netherlands.

Since 2016 20% have stopped due to the fragile market.

Threats for 2019

- Brexit: touring the UK will be a bureaucratic nightmare.

 - VAT will be levied upon merchandise with no security for a possible refund

 - Special carnets will be necessary for transporting your own gear and back-line

- The British Pound will lose a lot of its value making the UK less interesting to tour

- The UK is an important country to set up European tours for bands outside the EU; visa problems have already been risen and procedures are expected to worsen. Thus making it hard for Promoters to organize European tours

- In the Netherlands the low 6% VAT tariff on tickets will be upgraded to 9% in 2019; nobody knows the output effect on this.

- In the Netherlands the Fair Practice Code will be effective as an instrumental tool to steer inequality in earnings in the artistic and creative sector. However the Government as yet has not made available funds to finance this operation. As the worldmusic sector is concerned we fear a loss of recently regained markets.