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Project title: North & South Songwriters	
Coordinator Yrkeshögskolan vid Åbo Akademi Mats Granfors, mats.granfors@novia.fi	The North & South Songwriters - (NOSS) aims to explore new ways of teaching and collaboration in music education. The project is a collaboration between the South African College of Music (SACM) of the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa (SA) and the Faculty of Arts and Culture at Novia University of Applied Sciences (Novia UAS), Finland. Among the activities are: a course in crossover songwriting and production divided in two parts, co-designed and delivered by SACM and Novia UAS, two mobility activities involving students and staff from SACM to Novia UAS and vice versa and digital songwriting collaboration between students from both institutions. The content of the activities are: modules in the African music heritage, South African music culture and industry, the Finnish music heritage, contemporary music production, and crossover songwriting workshops conducted on a hybrid model and executed as an intensive 1.5 year project. The project is a response to the need to improve music education to mirror the current global music trends and to meet the needs of the South African and Finnish music industry. Additionally, the project also responds to need to revitalize the attractiveness and the importance of higher education for students. Furthermore, with the current economic, political, and societal crises that fragment and cause divides in the society, music has an important role to play as a uniting factor, to push boundaries, cultivate creativity and hope to highlight that our cultural difference can be a strength. Through this project the following results are expected: - Improved understanding of the Finnish and South African music heritage and industry, - Improved cultural awareness, and enhanced cross-cultural collaboration, - Improved digital collaboration skills and leverage new technology as an enabling tool for music collaboration, - Enhanced collaboration between the music industry and the partner higher education institutions, - Enhanced student networks between the higher education institutions, - Dissemination of the lessons learned through, events and forums, students performance of the songs they co-created during the project, as well as publication of an article by the project staff, - Improved curricula in music education,
Partners The South African College of Music (University of Cape Town)	

	- Identification of new fields of collaboration and continued cooperation in the field of music education. The project is in line with Novia UAS' and SACM's aim to promote international cooperation. The project contributes to SDG4- quality education and SDG8- decent work and economic growth which are supported by both institutions. Furthermore, the project also support goals of the vision 2030 of the South African government, which is to increase the number of graduates with at a Bachelor's degree to 10 million by 2030; while enhancing the already existing relationship between Finland and South Africa in line with Finland's Africa strategy 2030.
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