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Dear Dr. Argiro Vatakis,

I am writing to you in order to report my short visit to the EBRAMUS-Europe, Brain and Music Network which was funded by TIMELY (Reference Code: ECOST-STSM-TD0904-190913-034980).

During my visit I attended all project presentations and discussed with junior and senior researchers. Most studies focused on musical rhythm and temporal regularities in music that may boost implicit learning, speech perception, and other cognitive functions. It appears that the metrical organization of music alternates the internal clock of participants and after rhythm training there are differences in several tasks, especially sensorimotor ones.

I found exciting the work of Professor L. Fadiga from the University of Ferrara. His experiments investigated the conductor/orchestra interaction and how this is related to the quality (musical evaluation by experts) of the execution. His research also included a measurement of the emotion induced from music execution. The audience was recorded with a thermographical camera and the average face temperature was correlated with musical characteristics of several excerpts. Overall, these experiments matched the topics favored under TIMELY, especially those of Working Group 3 that deal with the use of complex and ecologically valid stimuli and experimental set-ups.

The most significant gain of my visit was the interaction with music cognition researchers and students. During the poster session, I met researchers working on several issues of music cognition, including emotion, timing, and sensorimotor control. I noticed that most studies include neuroimaging techniques, and that the trend in music cognition research is resting state fMRI methodology.

Overall, this Network is closely related to the goals of TIMELY, thus making collaboration with the researchers participating in this network necessary. Based on my discussions some members were already TIMELY members but others were still not aware of the Action. Thus, it would be great if TIMELY takes action to disseminate its activities to the members of this network.

I would like to express my gratitude to TIMELY for supporting this activity.

Yours sincerely,

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