



## E-MAIL RECEIVED FROM PID TAPANI RAHKO OKTOBER 7, 2024

Dear John,

Thank you. This is great. We are at the summer cottage preparing it for winter and driving home tomorrow. I will send.

Few things.

-fiscal year of Orkester Norden is from 1.1. to 31.12. (Not from 1.7. to 30.6. like in Lions.)

- we have already the budget for 1.1.2025 to 31.12.2025. When we apply for grants from any Fund or Foundation, we always make a new budget so that this applied grant is in the budget. After the NSR September meeting we have received one negative answer from Wihuri Foundation and positive 40 000 € answer from Nielsen Foundation.

- if we get a negative answer from any Fund or Foundation (like now from Wihuri Foundation) we reduce the activities and cut the costs and make again a new budget. Easiest way to cut the costs is to shorten the concert tour. So, the budget lives all the time depending on how much funding we have.

- like I told, this year 1.1.2024 to 31.12.2024 was exceptional, the budget only 82 000 €. For instance hiring a world class conductor from free markets costs tens of thousands. We managed to avoid this by building on cooperation with another youth orchestra that already had the conductor.

- budget data is important for future hosts. We will have a Teams meeting with the Icelandic future hosts. We have a plan to give some examples of the budgets, like if we have 100 000 €, 150 000 or 200 000 € funding, what can we do, what is possible, where the money goes, from where the costs can be cut. Roughly, with 100 000 € basic procedures can be made ( the training period and local concerts), 150 000 enables also a longer concert tour in the host country and with the budget of 200 000 also international concert tour is possible.

- during our hosting time in Finland, MD 107 has wanted to support the orchestra from our Red Feather fund. But this is not compulsory for the hosts. As good option is to cut the costs and do less if the MD does not want to give any support.

I will send you the latest version of the budget for 2025 when I get home. But like I wrote, it will be changed every time we get an answer from any Fund of Foundation from which we have applied a grant.

If you wish, I can send you the new version every time it changes. And if you wish, I can send you also the examples budgets which we will prepare in order to help the Icelandic hosts.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,  
Tapani