

INAD IN EUROPE 2017



International Noise Awareness Day

Every year, around the end of April, the EAA supports the “International Noise Awareness Day” (INAD). The National Societies of Acoustics organize several activities on acoustic issue in many schools around the world, with the cooperation of the Institutions, Professional Associations and Schools.

INAD is an awareness program aiming to:

- inform and increase awareness of students and citizens on noise reduction by means of social media (leaflets, posters, social networks, etc.);
- measure and assess noise in schools (indoor and outdoor);
- design solutions for noise mitigation and improvement of acoustic climate;
- describe soundscapes in schools and school courtyards;
- write and/or draw an advertising campaign on noise;
- understand, define and observe a “quiet diet”;
- distribute and collect questionnaires and interviews about sound quality in schools and in living environments;
- invent new games and activities related to acoustic and noise;
- take a minute for hearing silence;
- create links between schools of different cities and countries to share the actions taken.

The 2017 edition of INAD was a special one for Europe. EAA decided to coordinate a Pan-European campaign for the celebration of INAD, with a rich program of initiatives, including:

- the organization and management of a Pan-European competition among pupils and students of European schools, invited to produce original audio, video, drawings and texts on the subject “Sounds of my place”; it is still possible to watch all the materials produced by European students for the Pan-EU competitions 2017 on facebook event “Inad in Europe”.
(<https://www.facebook.com/events/185092641992845/>);
- the preparation and distribution of two presentations for schools and other organizations (Museums, Cultural centers etc.) around Europe, to be used in systematic courses, workshops and other events organized by the National Societies aiming at raising the awareness of the students and young people about noise effects on health and well-being;
- the production and distribution of the video-cartoon “Noisella in the sound space”, now available on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VM3zQt5EHI>
- the involvement of the National media in spreading the information on INAD 2017 across the European population as the idea was to have the general population become aware of the noise problems;
- the active participation at the Conference “Noise in Europe”, under the coordination of the DG Environment of the European Commission, held in Brussels (headquarters of the EC) on 24 April 2017, in which, invited speakers stress out the importance of updating the European legislation and present new findings on health problems due to noise (<https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/noise-in-europe>).

Through the events and the involvement of the authorities in the celebration, politicians got the message that European scientific societies, and EAA in particular, can play an important role in promoting the rights and demands of the people in relation to environmental issues and well-being.

The initiative was a great success: the objectives to spread scientific knowledge about issues related to sound and it is well known that noise is a major problem throughout the world.

A special satisfaction was given by the hundreds of items submitted at the Pan EU Competition from many European schools. For each country, three finalist, selected by the National Jury, participated at the European final competition and the proclamation of winners was made during Forum Acusticum in Boston. Winners can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=inad%20in%20europe>)

A new film with a selection of material produced by European pupils and students in the frame of the Pan European Competition “Sounds of my place” is under construction: soon will be available under Fenestra Acustica and announced in one of the next issue of Nuntius.

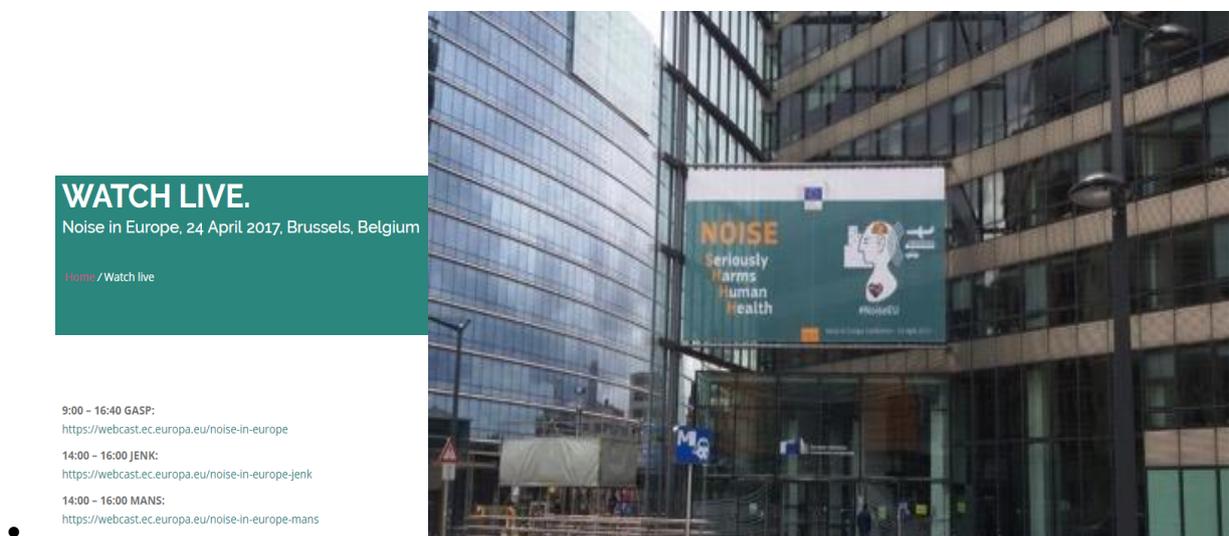


Figure 1 - “Noise in Europe” Conference venue in Brussels



Figure 2 - EAA delegation at “Noise in Europe” Conference

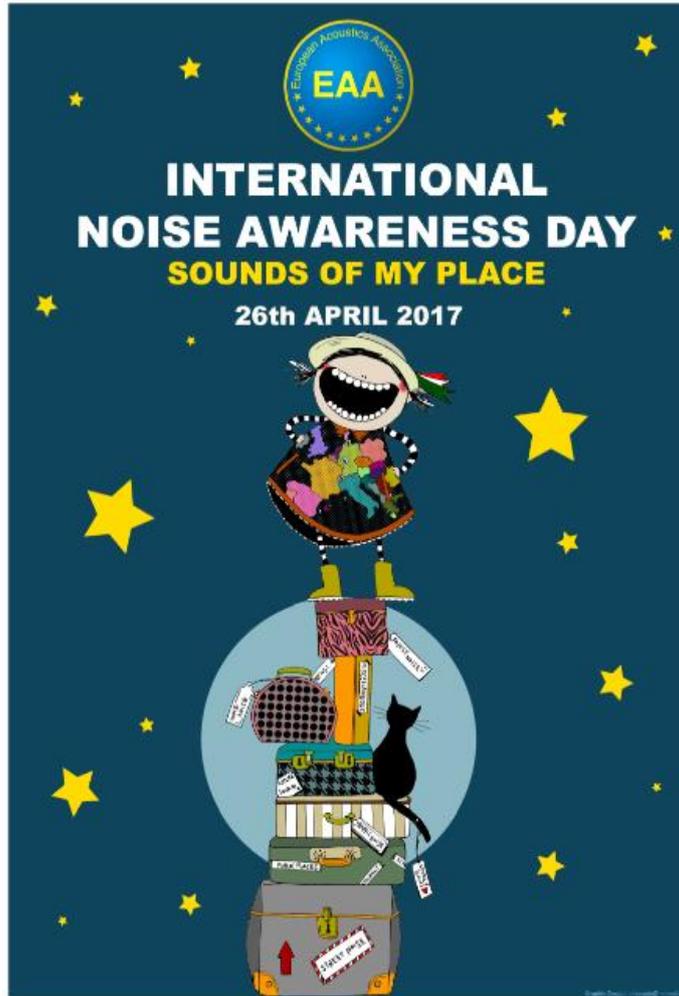


Figure 3 – The EAA INAD 2017 poster

International Noise Awareness Day
 Wednesday, April 26th, 2017



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The International Noise Awareness Day (INAD) aims at raising awareness of noise on the welfare and health of people worldwide. It was founded in 1996 by the [Center of Hearing and Communication \(CHC\)](#), and since then [this day](#) is commemorated on a Wednesday in April each year.

The [European Acoustics Association \(EAA\)](#) participates in the celebration every year by a series of events addressed to the whole society, with special emphasis to young people who are among the most sensitive persons of our society. These events have been organized so far typically by the EAA Member Societies. For to 2017, the EAA decided to coordinate a wider campaign in order to raise the interest of the European citizens towards noise and its effects on the quality of life and health (the INAD 2017). EAA will collaborate with the [European Commission](#) (in particular the DG-Environment) and the European Environment Agency for promoting and coordinating specialized activities during this year, among the EAA members Societies, and the European and national authorities, the noise associations, the schools, museums, etc. in order that a wider public will receive the most accurate and scientifically correct information on noise effects.

The aim of this web-page is to collect and disseminate all the information on the activities coordinated by EAA and organized either centrally by EAA or by the member Societies and other related organizations.

PROGRAM MOVIE INAD IN EUROPE (TECHNICAL PDF) ABOUT NOISE

Figure 4 – The INAD 2017 page on EAA Fenestra Acustica website

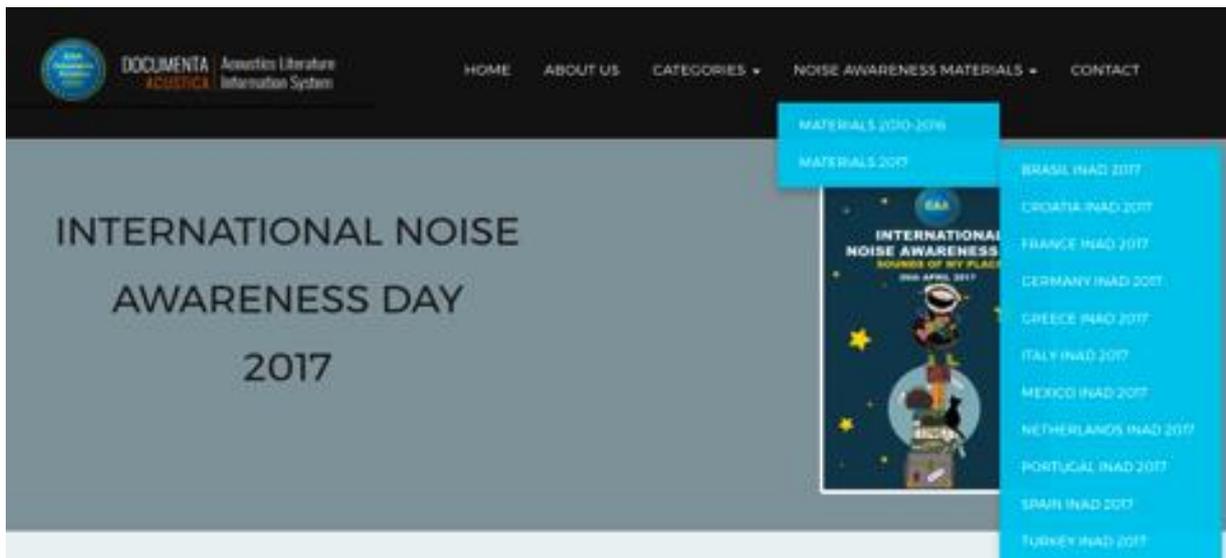


Figure 5 – INAD Materials in EAA Documenta Acustica product



Figure 6 – The Video Cartoon “Noisella in the Sound Space”

SPAIN	Individual	Group	Full Class / Full School
Primary	460	33	13 full classes
Secondary	95	64	19 full classes
TOTAL	555	97	32 full classes
SLOVENIA	Individual	Group	Full Class / Full School
Primary	194	4	30 full classes
Secondary	3	3	4 full classes
TOTAL	197	97	134 full classes
ITALY	Individual	Group	Full Class / Full School
Primary	152	8	7 full classes
Secondary	289	8	15 full classes
TOTAL	441	16	22 full classes

Figure 7 – Some statistics about participants at EAA INAD 2017 Pan European Competition

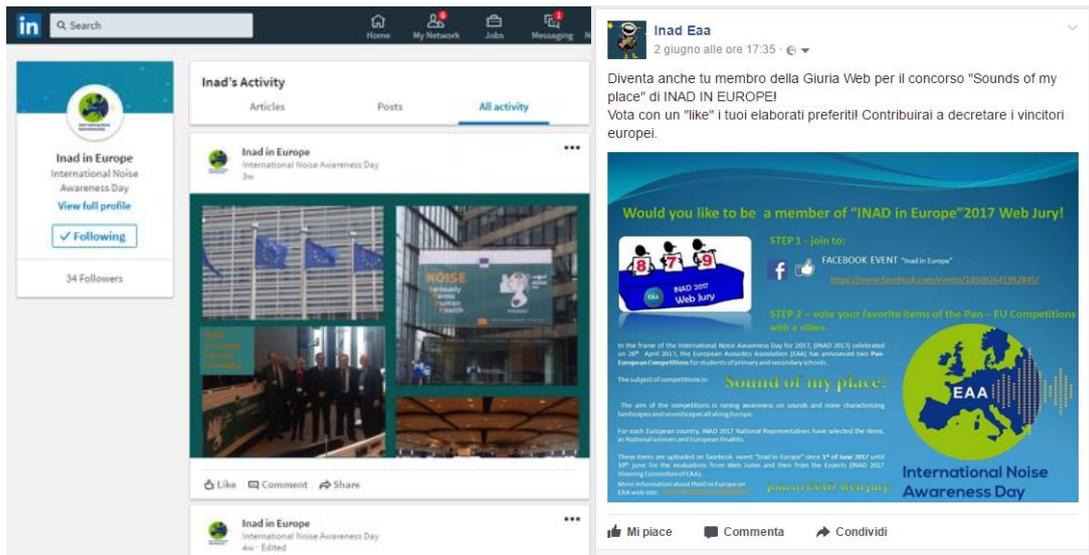


Figure 8 – EAA INAD 2017 in Social Networks: LinkedIn and Facebook