

# Sound Regulations in Belgium

From the Live DMA Working Group “Music is no noise! – Sound regulations for live music scenes in Europe” that took place in February 2019.

## Inside the venue:

Belgium is divided into three regions (Wallonia, Flanders and Brussels). Different sound regulations apply to these different regions.

Flanders & Wallonia: 100 db(A) at 60min Front of House (FOH). Control by measuring Leq. at 15min > 102 db(A).

Brussels: 100 db(A) and 115 db(C) at 60min FOH.

## Outside the venue:

This information was gathered in a conference with Marie-Noëlle Adnet from Bruxelles Environnement. Bruxelles environnement is part of the local government and is in charge of sound and noise management (they are like the “environment police”).

There is a particularity for Brussels concerning outdoor emissions:

>> under 85dB(A) @ 60 minutes, you are fine, you don't need to do anything (this sound level is hit in restaurants, cafés, cinemas)

>> between 85 and 95 db(A) @ 60 minutes, the responsible of the event or place has to provide ear plugs and has to publicly screen the sound levels

>> between 95 and 100 db(A) @ 60 minutes, the same requirements as before + there needs to be a person in charge of sound who has gone through a specific training provided by Bruxelles Environnement

## Complementary measures:

Free earplugs available for the audience.

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