

# Notification of decision EU-support

The Managing Authority has on the 2023-07-02 made a formal decision to allocate 867 152 EUR from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the project. The support from ERDF is 65,00% of eligible costs.

<b>Project name</b>	MÁHTUT
<b>Reference number</b>	20361834
<b>Priority</b>	Green and sustainable transition
<b>Specific objective</b>	Climate change adaptation
<b>Type of project</b>	Regular project
<b>Sub-area</b>	Sápmi
<b>Lead Partner EU</b>	Lapin yliopisto
<b>Lead Partner Norway</b>	Universitet i Tromsø - Norges arktiske universitet
<b>Project partners EU</b>	Umeå universitet, Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus
<b>Project start date</b>	2023-09-01
<b>Project end date</b>	2026-08-30

## Justification for decision

The Steering Committee of sub-area Sápmi has on 2023-06-14 selected the project to be financed by Interreg Aurora.

The project meets the requirements set by the programme regarding cross-border cooperation, specific objective, sustainable development, partnership, logical, value for money and relevance for target group.

## Project summary

The project seeks to promote, preserve and support the practice and inter-generational transfer of Sámi traditional subsistence skills, knowledge and practices which appear increasingly important not only in terms of Sámi cultural revitalization, but for life in Sápmi as such. Project aims to benchmark the best practices of Sámi subsistence traditions from an approach of circularity. In addition to seasonal circularity of subsistence practices such as hunting, fishing, gathering, the Sámi have their own ways of preserving foods, preparing food off-grid, and managing overflows. The project implements especially Sámi ideas of circularity and food sovereignty through its work packages, and promotes local preparedness and innovation at combining traditional skills and knowledge with new ones, to meet the needs of the contemporary society. The project also focus on Indigenous rights of Sámi to make people aware of their rights as well as inform authorities and policy making of the Indigenous rights and other legal aspects related to Sámi skills, knowledge and traditions (e.g. by policy guidelines).

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**Activities**

Workpackages / Activities	Start date – End date	Cost
<p><b>1- WP1: Training modules. Developing and revitalizing Sámi subsistence practices and grass-root green transition. Generally, all partners responsible, but more detailed info available at each workshop.</b></p>	<p>2023-09-01 – 2026-03-30</p>	<p>212 000</p>
<p>WP1 supports and promotes traditional Sámi subsistence skills, knowledge and practices among Sámi communities. The Sámi skills and knowledge have the capacity to advance grass-root green transition, ecological, economical and social sustainability and strengthen Sámi circular economy. Project will strengthen local climate resilience development, adaptation skills and risk management and find solutions to the present challenges the Sámi face when practicing traditional land use.</p> <p>The WP1 aims at building capacity and preparedness: lessons learned during the covid19 pandemic and as the world becomes more unstable in terms of energy and food availability. The core of the work package aims to prepare Sámi communities for extended Off-grid situations. Some of the traditional Sámi skills may need to be revitalized. The officially recommended 72-hour readiness/storage for power outages and other instability is inappropriate in a new situation that especially Europe is facing.</p> <p>The work package gathers the best practices of the Sámi regions from Finland, Sweden and Norway, related to subsistence skills, knowledge and practices. Traditional knowledge is combined with today's knowledge. Training modules related include such contents as traditional Sámi food preservation and processing combined with modern practices and equipment (harvested products, meat, fish, use of herbs and medicinal plants etc.), related traditional outdoor structures, first aid skills in the terrain.</p> <p>Each partner taking part of the WP1 is responsible for communication. The target groups of the WP1 are 1) primarily the Sámi communities and individuals who are addressed through local Sámi associations and invited to participate in training modules, and 2) secondly Sámi students and experts of different educational institutes in Sápmi, who are contacted through the education institutes.</p>		
<p><b>1.1 - Training module 1: Preserving Fish</b></p>		<p>25 000</p>
<p>Workshop, Finnish Sápmi Traditional Sámi fish preservation methods (Utsjoki or Inari), 3 days; salting, smoking, drying. Practical module in fishing, processing the catch and using traditional Sámi preservation methods. This can be combined with modern processing using external expertise services. Responsible partner: Sámi Education Institute</p> <p>Workshop, Swedish Sápmi Traditional Sámi fish preservation methods, 3 days; salting, smoking, drying. This training module adapts to Swedish Sápmi conditions (can be more specifically targeted) adding local flavor and expertise from Sweden. Practical module in fishing, processing the catch and using traditional Sámi preservation methods. This can be</p>		

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combined with modern processing using external expertise services. Responsible partner: Umeå Universitet		
<b>1.2 Training module 2: Preserving Meat</b>		25 000
<p>Workshop, Finnish Sápmi Traditional Sámi meat preserving methods, 3 days; salting, smoking, drying. Practical module in preparing meat for long and short-term preservation using traditional Sámi preservation methods. This can be combined with modern processing using external expertise services. Responsible partner: Sámi Education Institute</p> <p>Workshop, Swedish Sápmi Duplicate of Traditional Sámi meat preserving methods, 3 days; salting, smoking, drying. This training module adapts to Swedish Sápmi conditions (can be more specifically targeted) adding local flavor and expertise from Sweden. Practical module in preparing meat for long and short-term preservation using traditional Sámi preservation methods. This can be combined with modern processing using external expertise services. Responsible partner: Umeå Universitet</p>		
<b>1.3 Training module 3: Preserving, Sea Sámi Traditions</b>		40 000
<p>Two workshops. Norwegian Sápmi Coastal and river Sámi traditional fish (cod, salmon, other) and meat (sheep and goat) preservation methods. Two workshops over 4 days; salting, smoking, drying, other traditional harvest, slaughtering and preservation, and preparation methods. This training module will be produced in collaboration with coastal and river Sámi partners such as the Centre for Northern Peoples in Olmmáivággi and the Varanger Sami Museum Siida in Unjárga/Nesseby. In the workshops traditional knowledge of Sea Sámi food systems and methods for food preparation and preservation such as drying and salting of fish and meat will be elicited and demonstrated by knowledgeable local elders and food experts. We will also discuss traditional food systems in relation to applied modern ways of preparing and preserving local sea Sámi raw materials. The workshops will also be offered to regional chef education networks to integrate traditional food systems in formal chef education programs in the region. Responsible partner: UiT</p>		
<b>1.4 Training module 4: Dwellings and shelter/ Structures and tools</b>		22 000
<p>Workshop, Finnish Sápmi</p> <p>The training module can be organized either as one workshop or as a workshop divided in two sections as described below.</p> <p>1) Usage of temporary dwellings in preparedness for crisis and ensuring/safe guarding functional food security:</p> <p>Introduction to traditional and modern day tents, lavvus, bealljegoahtis. lean tos, etc. for shelter and means of food preparation. Use of open fire vs. other sources of heat for cooking and staying warm/functional. Temporary cookers, water boilers and heaters and practical aspects of them. Practically relevant comparisons of different products and settings. Introducing modern day solutions of outdoor cooking, including some of the innovations used in the developing countries. Use of water purification methods, when relevant. Traditional knowledge combined with modern day applications. This training module builds capacity and increases security in</p>		

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individual or household preparedness for unstable conditions. The training module requires intensive preparations from the organizer as many of the traditional Sámi structures will have to be built and materials obtained from nature. Workshop length 3 days.

2) Traditional structures related to storage and preservation:

Instructions, guidelines and traditional knowledge related to their construction and use of tools; earth cellars, sod huts, niliaitat, sheds. Traditional storage tableware; glass, wood vs. plastic, etc. The training module requires a remarkable preparatory work in building, crafting and gathering the structures for the 3 -4 day workshop.

As extra:

Taking care of the maintenance of the hand tools; knives, jaws, axes, chisels, sickles, saws, chisels, etc.. This adds 1 additional workshop day or a half day to the training module.

Responsible partner: The Sámi Education Institute

<b>1.5 Training module 5: Wild Food Gathering and preparation / Use of Natural Medicine</b>	30 000
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Two workshops organized: Workshop in Swedish Sápmi and Workshop in Finnish Sápmi.

Gathering, processing and preservation methods of berries, mushrooms, herbs and special products (pettu, pakuri kääpä= Inonotus obliquus, pine resin, birch sap, others.) Training module (3 -4 days) in combining traditional and modern knowledge in utilizing gathered natural products. Special focus on offgrid-processing and preservation. Responsible partner: Umeå Universitet, Vaartoe in joint co-operation with Sámi Education Institute.

Use of herbs and other natural products for medicinal purposes in crisis and times of shortages. Use of natural products to compensate potential shortage of hygienic daily products such as toilet paper etc. 2-3 day training module with experts of traditional Sámi knowledge and modern day applications of it. Responsible partners: Umeå University.

<b>1.6 Training module 7: Outdoor First Aid</b>	20 000
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Two workshops organized: Workshop, Finnish Sápmi and Workshop, Swedish Sápmi Field preparedness and other practical skills. First aid skills in the outdoors. Focus on accident preparedness in work and when moving (mobility) in the terrain, utilizing skidoos, atvs, boats, moving on foot, skis etc. Preparedness for dealing with mentally unbalanced people while in the remote outdoor environment. Part of the module focusing on hands on training in skills making knots with ropes. 2 - 3 day intensive training module. Responsible partner: The Sámi Education Institute and Umeå Universitet.

<b>1.7 Closing seminar and Food Lab</b>	50 000
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Results from the work package's various workshops will be highlighted in a closing seminar and Food Lab organized by the University museum in Tromsø in collaboration with ICR and local partners . This is where all contributors will gather

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and discuss Sámi food traditions, preliminary findings and future collaborations. The event is a combined seminar and Food Lab organized together with ICR (International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry) and the Boau FoodLab. The Food Lab is one of the outcomes of the UArctic EALÁT centres research and development activities on Arctic indigenous peoples food systems, where both traditional use of reindeer meat, blood, and other reindeer parts have been studied and new dishes have been developed and presented. In the seminar a part will be a Food Lab for testing and cooking food based on themes that have been developed collaboratively during the phase of the work package and discuss Sámi understandings of sustainability and traditional food systems in relation to applied modern ways of preparing and preserving local Sámi raw materials.

<b>2- WP2: Documenting, storing, post-producing and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut of Sámi subsistence practices. Responsible partners: University of Lapland and Sámi Education Institute.</b>	2023-09-01 – 2026-08-30	230 000
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WP2 is responsible for documenting (filming and recording) Sámi skills and knowledge being part of Sámi subsistence practices and food systems demonstrated in WP1 (training modules and food lab) and WP3 and storing, post-producing and displaying the produced material. Another task of WP2 is to investigate ethical questions and indigenous rights and other legal perspectives (e.g. intellectual property rights) related to documenting, storing and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut.

WP2 supports the main objectives of the project by: 1) documenting Sámi cultural heritage, knowledge and skills for the benefit of the current Sámi communities and institutions and for future Sámi generations and for the use of education of the Sámi institutions. This includes documenting Sámi languages and their specific vocabulary connected to árbediehtu and máhtut; 2) mapping and producing knowledge on the ethical and Indigenous rights and other legal perspectives concerning preserving and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut in relevant languages (also Sámi languages).

Outcomes: 1) Material on the Sámi subsistence traditions to be stored to relevant Sámi archives in each country. The future use and availability of the material will be negotiated with Sámi institutions and participants of WP 1 and 3. 2) Short films on the Sámi subsistence traditions based on the filmed material in the context of WP1. The films and their use in training and their display will be planned in cooperation with the participants of the training modules. 3) Guidelines on ethical, IPR and Indigenous rights aspects concerning documenting, filming and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut publicly and in education.

Partners responsible for communication: UoL and Sámi Education Institute. Target group: experts of árbediehtu and máhtut, particularly those participating in the activities of the WP1 and WP3. They are reached through Sámi associations and through personal contacts.

<b>2.1 Documenting Sámi subsistence skills and knowledge</b>	80 000
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Documenting (recording and filming) the demonstrations of Sámi skills and knowledge carried out in training modules and food lab in consent with the participants of these activities. Produced material will be stored to the relevant Sámi archives in each country.



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<b>2.2 Postproduction of the filmed materials.</b>	70 000
Editing and postproducing the recorded and filmed material to short films (2-5) for further dissemination within the project, in education and jointly agreed other events and platforms.	
<b>2.3 Indigenous rights in relation to documenting, storing and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut. Investigation and workshop</b>	80 000
Carrying out an investigation on the ethical questions and indigenous rights and other legal perspectives concerning preserving and displaying traditional Sámi skills and knowledge (árbediehtu and máhtut). The report including guidelines on ethical, IPR and Indigenous rights aspects concerning documenting, filming and displaying árbediehtu and máhtut publicly and in education will be published in relevant languages (including Sámi languages) and communicated to Sámi communities and institutions, decision-makers and relevant authorities. Also a workshop dealing with intellectual property rights of the Sámi and gathering Sámi knowledge holders and relevant authorities will be organized in order to support and protect Sámi árbediehtu and máhtut.	
<b>WP3: Circular traditions in transition. Responsible partners: University of Lapland, Umeå University and UiT.</b>	2023-12-31 – 2025-12-30 296 861
<p>Climate change affects traditional livelihoods and related practices changing them in various ways. Longer summers, more humid winters, and exceptional winds are already affecting reindeer herding and fishing and their methods, as well as different ways of processing raw materials (e.g. meat drying). Also, the customary schedule of the yearly activities may no longer apply because the seasons are different than before. Thus, the practices of Sámi circular economy, as well as the Sámi food systems and cultures more extensively, are in flux. We hypothesize that many of these are relevant as part of future sustainable, carbon-neutral food systems.</p> <p>In this WP3, we will document and trace this transition in different parts of Sápmi and for some chosen food systems and traditions. The aim of the WP is to investigate, discuss and make visible 1) particular kinds of (circular) traditions and practices, of Sámi circular economy that existed historically and are still relevant in different parts of Sápmi; 2) how particular traditions and practices have disappeared or how they have transformed during the past 50-100 years; 3) particular Sámi circular economy practices that could provide opportunities by adaptation with new technologies in supporting and updating traditional practices in green transition and in adapting to carbon-neutral food systems under environmental change.</p> <p>WP3 supports the overall objective of the project by making visible and pinpointing the value of the Sámi subsistence practices in climate change adaptation and green transition.</p> <p>The partner responsible for communication is the UoL. The primary target group are Sámi elders as holders of traditional knowledge and skills. Another target group are contemporary practitioners of traditional livelihoods, like reindeer herders, fishermen and people practicing subsistence hunting as well as educators in vocational institutes.</p>	

<b>3.1. Documenting and research on practices of Sámi circular economy</b>	181 861
<p>We will collect and compile reminiscences about carbon-neutral and circular practices of Sámi subsistence activities and food systems (self-sufficiency) and their change during the last 50-100 years. Here, we use both existing archives (such as The Sámi Cultural archives of the Giellagas-Institute, the Sámi Archives in Inari, and relevant archives in Sweden and Norway) for tracing and mapping different circular practices of Sámi livelihoods and Sámi food systems. We will also collect new stories and memories by interviewing local Sámi on the topic in different parts of Sápmi. The interviews will be recorded (either audio or video) in order to document and keep safe these valuable practices of Sámi circular economy for future generations. The tapes will be archived to the Sámi Cultural Archives and other relevant local Sámi archives.</p> <p>Outcomes: Valuable material on Sámi cultural heritage and intellectual property. A comprehensive report on Sámi circular traditions, their history and contemporary situation published in relevant languages, also Sámi languages.</p>	
<b>3.2 Museum object workshops</b>	80 000
<p>We will organize museum workshops where, with the help of various objects related to Sámi livelihoods and food systems and culture, we will examine the philosophy - the principles and values behind practicality - of Sámi circular economy and food systems, and collectively ponder with museum experts and invited traditional knowledge holders, what Sámi circular economy and food systems is and could constitute as part of future sustainable, carbon-neutral food systems. What kinds of solutions it could offer for contemporary crises, green transition and climate change adaptation? The workshops will be organized in Sámi museums in Finland (The Sámi Museum Siida), Sweden (The Forest and Saami Museum Gammplatsen) and Norway (The Arctic University Museum of Norway) in collaboration with the participating institutions in the training modules and food lab.</p>	
<b>3.3 Seminar on Sámi circular economy</b>	35 000
<p>WP3 organizes a seminar in order to discuss, develop and promote the concept of Sámi circular economy in relation to the understanding and policies of circular economy in political and policy practice and in research. The seminar gathers together different experts of circular economy and green transition (researchers, authorities, activists, representatives of NGOs etc.), Sámi circular economy knowledge holders and different Sámi stakeholders.</p>	
<b>WP4: Sámi Health, Culture and Food Sovereignty. Responsible partner: Umeå University</b>	2023-09-01 – 2026-08-30 185 000
<p>WP4 provides important background information in order to achieve the objectives of the project and to carry out the more practical WPs successfully. Based on historical sources on Sámi land-based subsistence practices and existing data on Sámi's health and food patterns, WP4 produces evidence-based, comparative perspectives to Sámi circular traditions, Sámi food systems and importantly, to their influence on the well-being of Sámi. WP4 is also action-oriented as it is closely connected to and contributes to the work and activities of WP1, WP2 and WP3.</p> <p>Traditional knowledge is a field that has drawn interest in recent decades and will have an increasing impact in ongoing green transition and circular economy</p>	

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developments. Knowledge on traditional Sámi plant food and medical herbs is limited, though practitioners still exist. Subsistence economy as a base for traditional knowledge, the production is varying, nuanced and demands a great work effort. To attain the yearly requirement for a family requires skills to extract natural resources, process them for consumption and to preserve them for future needs.

Historical sources and archives will be used in WP 4.1. In WP 4.2, unique health-data on traditional food patterns among Sámi and a non-Sámi population, their use of traditional medicine and health outcomes will be used as a knowledge platform for a training module in WP 1 and in the activities of WP3, and in collaboration with local Sámi actors, e.g. The forest and Sámi museum of Lycksele and Slow Food Sápmi.

WP4 provides unique, comparative information on how to increase the well-being of Sámi people and their environment.

Partner responsible for communication: Umeå University. Target group: local Sámi knowledge holders, Sámi memory institutions and other institutions. Sámi communities more widely.

<b>4.1. Historical background analysis</b>		95 000
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We will conduct a historical background analysis regarding whether the Sámi right to land and natural resources have affected today's Sámi food system. Comparisons between the countries will be done. Sámi subsistence economy will also be investigated from different perspectives.

Outcome: A written report

<b>4.2 Sámi plant food and medical skills as a determinant of health and tool for circular economy</b>		90 000
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Analysis of data from existing public health studies in Sweden related to use of traditional Sámi food. It also includes an examination of food patterns in different age groups of Sámi with a specific focus on elderly people in collaboration with a recently started project on traditional Sámi food for Sámi people in elderly care in Västerbotten, and make comparisons between a Sámi and a non-Sámi population regarding health outcomes connected to nutrition. Data related to traditional Sámi food skills reflects consumption of fish, reindeer meat and moose. Data related to healthy eating behaviors reflects consumption of fruits, vegetables and berries. Data reflecting a westernized lifestyle reflects consumption of sweetened beverages. Outcome variables include BMI, self-reported perceived health, and other health outcomes.

Outcome: A written background report on traditional Sámi food and health.

<b>5- WP5: The Role of Law in Promoting Sámi Skills and knowledge. Responsible partner: University of Lapland</b>	2023-12-31 – 2026-05-30	210 000
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Law is crucial for humans, including the Sámi, as we all live within legal communities. Domestic legal systems serve primarily the interests of nation states, majority of the residents of which are not Sámi. However, the Sámi practices and skills traditionally exist within the Sápmi which is divided between several states. Today, many Sámi people live in these states also beyond the Sápmi.



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In order to provide the Sámi people tools to influence and even surpass the national legal systems that hinder the utilization of Sámi traditions within the Sápmi, the legal approach of this project is based on international law. In addition to the various international rights of indigenous peoples, the aim is also to resort to intellectual property rights, cultural heritage rights and rights of rural local communities, for instance. All of these can be used for advancing the Sámi interests and rights to support the Sámi self-determination and inter-generational justice. In particular, food sovereignty as a constantly developing collective right has great potential to unite local Sámi communities, strengthen their common standing to claim their rights, improve sustainability of living conditions and reinforce personal and communal resilience.

This work package will produce a comprehensible Report analyzing international legal tools that can support the Sámi to utilize their traditional practices and skills. On the basis of this Report also another tangible output is produced: Policy Guidelines. These Guidelines provide a practical tool for advancing the Sámi interests in decision-making processes at various levels of state governance, in order to improve the status of Sámi skills, traditions and practices as well as the stakeholderhood of the Sámi communities within state governance systems. The work package researchers will also participate in the activities of the other work packages in order to collect and disseminate information about the relevant legal aspects.

<b>5.1 Legal investigation</b>	120 000
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Producing a comprehensible Report on international Indigenous rights related to Indigenous Peoples cultural heritage and traditional knowledge and skills relevant for the Sámi.

This Report will analyze the various international legal tools that can support the Sámi to utilize and protect their traditional practices and skills. The Report is an instrument that can be used by the Sámi in various contexts to advance their objectives which may differ significantly from the priorities of the nation states and their non-Sámi populations. As law is a particularly powerful tool in all human societies today, improving knowledge about the existence of the internationally accepted rights of indigenous peoples in general and the Sámi in particular is absolutely essential for enabling the protection and utilization as well as inter-generational transmission of the Sámi traditions. The Sámi can also use this report potentially long after the MÁHTUT project. Reported will be translated to Sámi languages.

The partner responsible for communication is University of Lapland. The primary target groups of the WP are Sámi communities, individuals, and Sámi organizations, as well as the relevant authorities and decision-making entities at different levels of the state governance systems. Also local experts of Indigenous Rights are invited to participate in the discussion on the legal aspects where relevant. The target groups are reached by personal contacts, through project partners established networks and via Sámi organizations. Also official governance networks are utilized to reach the relevant authorities and decision-makers.

<b>5.2 Policy Guidelines</b>	90 000
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Producing Policy Guidelines which will provide a practical tool for advancing the Sámi interests in decision-making processes at various levels of state governance, in

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order to improve the status of Sámi skills, traditions and practices as well as the stakeholderhip of the Sámi communities within state governance systems.

The Policy Guidelines are based largely on the legal analysis of the Report (5.1.) on the rights of the Sámi but the Guidelines are primarily targeted at non-Sámi governance: state governance entities that have decision-making power relevant from the point of view of the Sámi communities. In such Guidelines the Sámi interests are obviously focal but also the state decision-making infrastructure and other governmental basis within which the Sápmi and the Sámi exist need to be taken into account. The goal is indeed to provide Policy Guidelines that are realistic and hence can also affect the national policy making processes in order to effectively advance the Sámi interests and improve the role of the Sámi within these decision-making structures. The guidelines will be translated to Sámi languages.

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<b>WP6: Overall assessment and implementation of the project's benefits to Sápmi and Sámi civil society</b>	2024-12-31 – 2026-08-30	180 000
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WP6 examines the project's overall results and its benefits to Sámi communities, institutions and to Sápmi as a region through the following questions:

- 1) What are the actual results and outcomes of the work packages in relation to the main objectives of the project? What are the concrete short- and long-term benefits of the project's results and outputs for the Sámi communities?
- 2) How have the rights of the Sámi people as an Indigenous People been taken into account and handled in the project? This is examined especially from the point of view of self-determination of the Sámi people, both locally and from a cross-border perspective.
- 3) What are the societal impacts of the project 1) from the point of view of regional development of Sápmi; 2) from the point of view of improving the well-being and economic, social and ecological sustainability of Sámi communities; 3) from the point of view of increasing the knowledge of authorities and decision-makers; 4) from the point of view of Sámi subsistence practices.
- 4) What succeeded in cross-border cooperation between institutions? What kind of challenges were there and how could forms of cooperation be developed in the future?
- 5) What are the future development possibilities based on the findings of the project?

<b>6.1 Self-evaluation of the project activities</b>		105 000
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We will critically estimate the value and benefits of the project's activities with Sámi communities to the target group of the project: the cross-border Sámi civil society throughout the project. This will be carried out by 1) a self-evaluation model we developed in the Dialogues and encounters in the Arctic project (Interreg Nord) that

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we intend to develop further for the purposes of this project and by 2) regular stakeholder meetings.		
<b>6.2 Closing seminar</b>		75 000
Project's closing seminar communicates and disseminates the main results and outcomes of the project to wider audiences and other relevant stakeholders and critically discusses them in collaboration with different Sámi civil society stakeholders, e.g. practitioners of traditional livelihoods, knowledge holders, representatives of Sámi institutions etc. The seminar will be organized in the end of the project in relevant location in Sápmi and interpreted in Sámi languages.		
<b>WP7: Repatriating the findings of the project to the benefit of Sámi civil society. Responsible partner: University of Lapland</b>	2023-09-01 – 2026-08-30	255 000
<p>WP7 draws together the findings and observations of the whole project and repatriates the gathered and produced knowledge to Sámi communities in comprehensible forms that are relevant to the Sámi stakeholders. WP7 will carry out an in-depth analysis on the knowledge and findings produced and gathered in the project and with the support of Sámi stakeholders, will produce a collaborative analysis on how the project's outcomes could further support, benefit and improve Sámi communities' and Sámi subsistence practices' well-being and vitality now and in the future. This includes an examination on 1) what kinds of legal, political and environmental obstacles and challenges there exist in practicing and developing Sámi subsistence practices and circular traditions in different parts of Sápmi; 2) what kinds of solutions the findings and observations of the project offer to overcome these obstacles and challenges; 3) how could Sámi food systems and Sámi circular economy practices be supported in a way that improves communities' resilience and agency in climate change adaptation and in green transition.</p> <p>WP7 creates policy recommendations to help pointing and dismantling controversial regulations preventing or complicating practicing and developing traditional Sámi livelihoods, circular traditions and Sámi food systems.</p> <p>Partner responsible for communication: University of Lapland. Target group: Sámi civil society, authorities and decision-makers of different governmental levels in each country.</p>		
<b>7.1. Analysis of the observations and findings of the whole project</b>		100 000
<p>Project team draws together the findings of the project and produces an in-depth analysis on the relevance of the project's outcomes and findings from societal, political, legal and environmental perspectives.</p> <p>Outcome: A comprehensible report that is published in relevant languages (including Sámi languages).</p>		
<b>7.2 Collaborative knowledge production and analysis with Sámi stakeholders</b>		80 000
To carry out the analysis of the overall results of the project, WP7 organizes brainstorming workshops with relevant Sámi stakeholders. This is important in order to include Sámi perspectives and voices to the interpretation of the results and		

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to the formulation of the policy recommendations and to enable and develop participatory working method that is crucial when dealing with Sámi issues.		
<b>7.3. Policy recommendations</b>		75 000
Based on the collaborative analysis of the overall findings of the project, we will create policy recommendations for the use of authorities, decision-makers and other stakeholders in order to enable better continuity and development of Sámi circular practices and food systems and to promote culturally, socially, economically and ecologically sustainable development in Sápmi, particularly in relation to Sámi subsistence practices.		
<b>WP8: Administration and management. Responsible partner: University of Lapland</b>	2023-10-02 – 2026-08-30	75 000
WP8 organizes the administration, management and communication of the project. WP8 ensures the effective way of communicating the project activities, progress and results among partners, collaborators and stakeholders and hence, increases the transparency and credibility of the project in Sámi society and ensures effective implementation of the project.		
<b>8.1 Administration and management</b>		40 000
University of Lapland is responsible for project management, communication and coordination in the role of project coordinator carrying out activities in accordance with the cooperation agreement, financial management, quality assurance and reporting on behalf of the partners. In cooperation with the project partners, UoL will ensure that project reporting is carried out in accordance with the rules of the Interreg Aurora program. This includes the implementation of the actions according to the project plan, Grant Agreement, Cooperation Agreement, Financial guidelines, implementation of Quality Assurance and reporting on behalf of the MÁHTUT partners.		
The main partner (UoL) monitors the activities carried out within the project and is responsible for the preparation of the project's reports to the financier together with the management group, and takes care of the delivery of the necessary materials to the Interreg Aurora program. The finance and reporting system is supported by the financial administration of UoL, a specialized financial services team responsible for financial management, auditing and financial reporting of the project.		
<b>8.2 Communication</b>		35 000
The communication channels of the project and its work packages include project partners communication services and established channels, projects webpage, local media (e.g. newspapers and radio), digital media services and communicating through different organizations (through their own communication channels), in education events and in other events within partners activities		
In the beginning of the project, the partners will produce a communication plan, that will be used to communicate the project internally and externally. The plan describes the communication needs and objectives of the project partners and the closest collaborators. The purpose is to find an effective way of communicating the project progress, results and reaching the relevant stakeholders of the project. Communication among the project partners is the responsibility of the whole project group.		

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### Contributions to the output indicators

Output indicators	Target value
Jointly developed solutions	8
Strategies and action plans jointly developed	8
Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	9
Organisations cooperating across borders	13

### Contributions to the result indicators

Result indicators	Target value
Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations	6
Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	13

### Budget EU

Cost categories	Lapin yliopisto	Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus	Umeå universitet	Total
Staff cost	469 055	351 180	132 670	<b>952 905</b>
Other costs 40%	187 622	140 472	53 068	<b>381 162</b>
<b>Sum costs</b>	<b>656 677</b>	<b>491 652</b>	<b>185 738</b>	<b>1 334 067</b>

Financier	Lapin yliopisto	Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus	Umeå universitet	Total
Lapin yliopisto	115 575	0	0	<b>115 575</b>
Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus	0	86 531	0	<b>86 531</b>
Umeå universitet	0	0	65 000	<b>65 000</b>
Lapplands förbund	114 262	85 547	0	<b>199 809</b>
<b>EU-support</b>	<b>426 840</b>	<b>319 574</b>	<b>120 738</b>	<b>867 152</b>
<b>Total financing</b>	<b>656 677</b>	<b>491 652</b>	<b>185 738</b>	<b>1 334 067</b>

### Appeal

This decision cannot be appealed.

### Decision-making officer

Iiris Mäntyranta has made the decision after a presentation by Veronica Estling. Kjerstin Valkeapää has participated in the processing of the decision.



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### Reporting and payment applications

The payment application regarding the EU-funding is submitted in Min Ansökan by the Lead Partner EU with a joint progress/final report for the whole project. For instructions on how to report, please see [www.interregaurora.eu](http://www.interregaurora.eu)

Period	Start date	End date	Date for submission
1	2023-09-01	2023-12-31	2024-02-29
2	2024-01-01	2024-04-30	2024-06-30
3	2024-05-01	2024-08-31	2024-10-31
4	2024-09-01	2024-12-31	2025-02-28
5	2025-01-01	2025-04-30	2025-06-30
6	2025-05-01	2025-08-31	2025-10-31
7	2025-09-01	2025-12-31	2026-02-28
8	2026-01-01	2026-04-30	2026-06-30
9	2026-05-01	2026-08-30	2026-10-31

### Questions

For questions regarding this decision, please contact Kjerstin Valkeapää.

**Lead partner EU is responsible for distributing this notification to all project partners.**

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### ANNEX:

#### General conditions – support from Interreg Aurora (EU - ERDF)

**All partners shall** make sure the project is implemented in accordance with the regulations of the European Union, the national laws, any other provisions and documents applicable to the EU support, as well as the programme manual for Interreg Aurora and in particular:

- keep separate accounts for the project (not applicable to flat-rates)
- pay the expenditures of the project within deadlines for reporting
- follow the regulations regarding public procurement
- keep all project documents and accounts available for a period of seven years following the end of the calendar year when the project was formally closed by the Managing Authority, or longer if it is stipulated in other rules applicable to the project partner
- repay to the Lead Partner any amounts unduly paid
- highlight the support from EU

**The Lead partner shall, in particular:**

- conclude a partnership agreement with all partners of the project,
- ensure implementation of the project within the project period,
- ensure that the expenditure presented by all partners has been paid in implementing the project and corresponds to the activities in the decision of EU-support to the project,
- deliver progress- and final reports regarding the implementation of the project
- make payment applications regarding the EU-support for the project
- ensure that the other partners receive their part of the EU-support
- as soon as known, inform about any changes regarding the implementation of the project
- repay to the Managing Authority any amounts unduly paid.