

## Søknad - Interreg Aurora

<b>Søknadsnr.</b>	2025-0154	<b>Søknadsår</b>	2025	<b>Arkivsak</b>	25/09697
<b>Støtteordning</b>	Interreg Aurora Sapmi 2021 - 2027				
<b>Prosjektnavn</b>	ASP - Making archives accessible on Sámi premises				
<b>Prog.prioriteringer</b>	3.0-Education, culture and sustainable tourism				
<b>Spesifikke mål</b>	Mål 3.2-Culture and sustainable tourism				

### Kort prosjektbeskrivelse

The "Making Archives Accessible on Sámi Premises (ASP)" project is a cross-border initiative by the National Archives of Sweden, Norway, and Finland aimed at improving the Sámi people's access to their own history and cultural heritage. The project seeks to comprehensively map government archives containing information about the Sámi people and enhance descriptive metadata to make Sámi-related materials more visible and accessible.

### Prosjektets grenseoverskridende merverdi

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The results of the project will be made available in national and international portals, for example the Sámi portal Nuohtti. We will also compile a handbook that gives a joint overview of Sámi-related archives. Our aim with the project is to improve access to documentation about the Sámi people both within the National archives and other archival institutions. The result will be a systematic overview and improved access to Sámi documentation - on the Sámi people's premises.

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### Prosjekt mål

- The goal of the project is to create a comprehensive overview of government archives that contain information related to the Sámi people. This overview will be published for public access in the Sámi search portal Nuohtti.com.
- As a result there will be new descriptions of Sámi documentation in state archives in Finland, Norway and Sweden so that information about Sámi-related materials becomes more accessible.
- A methodology or guideline with best practices for description of Sámi archives and documentation in order to improve access to Sámi documentation in the Sámi Archives, National Archives and other archival institutions.

- A joint Nordic guide to Sámi documentation in the state archives in all three Nordic countries, with the purpose of sharing information about government archives that contain information related to the Sámi people.

- Establish a Nordic Sámi archive network, with the purpose of working together to improving the access to Sámi documentation.

### **Prosjektorganisering**

The financial department of the National Archives of Sweden will handle all payments according to our usual standards and procedures that are required for government agencies. We will also transfer money to our partners if their grants are directed to us. Regular financial reporting will be made to responsible managers and to Interreg Aurora.

The project manager will regularly report the financial status of the project to the steering group as part of the project reporting. To do this, the project manager will compile the budget status from each country.

Each country is responsible for monitoring the implementation of its own country-specific budget. The responsibility for this lies with the country-specific coordinator/manager.

The project's shared budget covers the personnel costs defined for the project. Each archive is responsible for its own expenses, such as travel costs and various equipment and software costs incurred by the project.

We will establish a Communication plan that corresponds with our project plan. We will get help from the Communication staff at the three National Archives to make and implement the Communication plan. The key stakeholders of the project, such as the Sámi interest group, the project steering group, and the Sámi archives in Finland and Norway, will be closely involved in the planning and implementation of the project's communication efforts.

There are several target groups in our communication. To reach these target groups, we will normally use our ordinary channels to reach them. But for the project we will supplement with other approaches when necessary and appropriate.

A short overview of target groups and communication channels:

- **Sámi community:** (1) Offer articles, interviews etc. to relevant media in all three countries. Share our results and handpicked stories from the archives. (2) Share information and stories on Social media. (3) Organize webinars and short seminars to anchor the project to the Sámi people. The role of the Reference Group in planning and advising on communication is key: determining what should be communicated and through which channels.

- Our colleagues at the National Archives: (1) Publish news bulletins on our intranet. (2) Offer webinars and short seminars to anchor the project within our organization.

- Other archives, libraries and museums: There are already established networks that can be used for communication both at national level and across the Nordic countries.

- Researchers: (1) Follow up or establish networks. (2) Invite to our conferences. (3) Offer presentations at other conferences. (4) Others like social media and articles.

### **Samarbeidspartnere**

The Sámi Archives and National Archives in Norway, Finland and Sweden are responsible for the Sámi search portal Nuohtti.com. The portal was developed in the Interreg Nord project Digital Access to Sámi heritage archives (2018-2021). The results from the new project will bring more material to Nuohtti, sustaining the value of the portal.

The National Archives of Norway is running a pilot project together with the National Library of Norway, «Infrastructure for Sámi metadata enrichment and access to Sámi photographs and audiovisual collections» (2025). We will keep close relations and look for added value for the two projects. The project has got financial support from the Norwegian Research council.

National Archives of Finland is part of the DIGICHer project: "Digitisation of cultural heritage of minority communities for equity and renewed engagement". DIGICHer develops a novel scalable framework and methods to promote equitable, diverse and inclusive practices, verified via user-centric approaches through pilots with three minority groups in the EU: the Sámi, the Jewish and the Ladin people. The goal of the project is to improve access to Sámi-related materials through digitization, which also supports the objectives of this project. The project has received funding from the European Unions research and innovation program Horizon Europe under Grant Agreement No. 101132481 for years 2024-2026.

We will also have contact with researchers in the field. A PhD project run by Johannes Widengren at Linnéuniversitetet in Sweden who is doing research on the ethical effects of using AI to improve metadata in archives with Sámi documentation.

### **Målgrupper**

The project's key target group is the Sámi people in general, both they who have been using archives to find documentation about their history, culture and rights and those who have not yet tried to do so. The Sámi Archives and National Archives receive a number of requests from Sámi people every year that show that it is difficult to find relevant information due to the fact that the archive catalogs rarely have specific description on the Sámi-related material. The Sámi people are generally unaware of which archives to search in, as Sámi-related matters have historically been handled by various authorities. The project's goal is to produce a handbook that provides a better overview of information related to the Sámi.

Another important target group is researchers. They could benefit much from better finding aids, making it easier for them to identify relevant sources to their work. This group also includes the Truth and Reconciliation committees. We have had meetings with Sámi researchers, and the Truth and Reconciliation committees. We have discussed the project with staff at Ájtte, Skogs-och samemuseet i Lycksele, Silvermuseet, Gaaltije and Svenska samernas riksförbund. At the Mid University a seminar for establishing a research project where amateur researchers from samebyar and academia in Norway and Sweden where the need for better registration and access to the Sámi relevant archives within the Nordic national archives was asked for. In Finland and Norway, we base our input from the Sámi Archives in Inari and Kautokeino and the Allaskuovla and Giellas. In the workshops of the

DIGICHer project, it has emerged that the Sámi people want to be closely involved in the description of the materials.

We have decided to establish a steering group and interest (reference) group for the project to have input and dialogue Sámi representatives in the project. We will contact the Sámi parliaments and ask them to point at relevant people for these for groups.

### **Resultat**

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All the metadata produced in the project will be transmitted to the Sámi archive portal Nuohtti.com that is owned by the three National archives which will secure a safe ownership and durability of the results.

The project will be an integrated part of the established cooperation between the three National Archives (NORDSAM) and the results will be evaluated and implemented within this framework. The guidelines for how to work with reparative descriptions aimed at archive institutions, will be published at the National archives websites and communicated to other archive institutions and universities according to a communication plan. NORDSAM will be the responsible entity for maintaining and updating the principles and tools developed in the project for describing Sámi materials. NORDSAM, which includes the three directors general of National Archives, ensures the continuity of the methods and cooperation at the highest possible level within the National Archives.

The project will establish a new Nordic Sámi Archive Network, bringing together archival experts working with Sámi materials, Sámi users of archives, and researchers. The goal is to enhance dialogue between archivists and users. While similar collaborations exist at the national level, they cannot address issues specifically related to Sámi materials. The Sámi archives will be responsible for maintaining the network, and the network's chairmanship will rotate between the countries.

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### **Bærekraftskriterier**

Ecological sustainable development:

The project increases knowledge about available archival materials, making access to them more efficient and thereby reducing unnecessary travel. Detailed metadata enables better identification of information needs, reducing the time required to go through archives. High-quality descriptions often make it possible to provide the necessary or relevant information directly as a digital copy to the user, eliminating the need for travel to the archive altogether.

The project also increases digitalization of archives which makes information about the large area Sápmi available in an easier way so that long distance travels will diminish. Data about Sápmi can be of relevance for environmental research, and making this data more available supports climate actions.

Social sustainable development:

Increased access to documentation about Sámi people on their own premises empowers and promotes the Sámi people. Better access to information about one's own history increases participation in society and strengthens the sense of belonging among the Sámi people.

The project establishes cooperation between the National archives and representatives from the Sámi people that will create fruitful cooperation for the future and strengthen multi cultural perspectives and competence in the National Archives.

The project creates entirely new expertise in archives for identifying and describing materials related to minority groups. The project will develop tools and principles for describing Sámi materials, but these principles can also serve as a foundation for future use in other context.

A better overall picture of Sámi-related archives will also enable the targeted digitization of these materials in the future, making them accessible in entirely new ways.

Economical sustainable development:

Information and archival sources can be a resource for entrepreneurship. To make this resource easier available can help entrepreneurship in many areas, and especially in Sápmi. To provide Sámi



documentation labeled on Sámi premises can strengthen entrepreneurship in an ethical way, a couple of examples is tourism industry and handicraft.

## Tidligere offentlig støtte

Mottatt offentlig støtte tidligere: Nei

Støtte nr.	Tilsagnsår	Navn offentlig aktør	Støttebeløp	Støtteordning

## Tid- og aktivitetsplan

### Tidsplan

Startdato: 01.01.2026

Sluttdato: 31.12.2028

### Tid-/aktivitetsplan

Sortering	Start- / sluttdato	Type aktivitet	Kostnad
1	06.01.2026 - 30.06.2026	Hovedaktivitet	65430
2	01.03.2026 - 30.09.2028	Hovedaktivitet	228900
3	06.01.2026 - 30.09.2028	Hovedaktivitet	611490
4	01.03.2026 - 30.09.2028	Hovedaktivitet	219090
5	01.08.2026 - 30.09.2028	Hovedaktivitet	674827
6	04.01.2027 - 30.09.2028	Hovedaktivitet	88290
7	01.08.2028 - 30.11.2028	Hovedaktivitet	94830

## Økonomi

Kostnadsbudsjett	SUM	EURO
Andre, 40%	566 840	56 684
Lønnskostnader	1 417 100	141 710
<b>Sum kostnad</b>	<b>1 983 940</b>	<b>198 394</b>

Finansieringsplan	Type finansiering	SUM	EURO
Egne midler	Offentlig kontant	510 000	51 000
Interreg Aurora	Offentlig kontant	973 940	97 394
Regional medfinansiering	Offentlig kontant	500 000	50 000
<b>Sum finansiering</b>		<b>1 983 940</b>	<b>198 394</b>

**Bekreftelse fullfinansiering:** [Nei]

## **Geografi**

3425-Engerdal, 5000-Trøndelag, 1800-Nordland, 5400-Troms og Finnmark

## **Vedleggsliste**

<b>Dokumentnavn</b>	<b>Filstørrelse</b>	<b>Dato</b>
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