

ReCap ASáp: regaining capacity in a changing Sápmi

The summer is nearing its end, and we are looking forward to an exciting autumn! But before looking forward, let's have a look at what we have been up to this spring and summer.

The project team has met twice for project meetings. We met in Láttvárri in the beginning of May, and some of the topics up for discussion were the Sámi Arena and the Advocacy programme. But the main thing to prepare for, was the first course on running Sámi NGOs.

The second project meeting was held in the beginning of August in Julevu. After a break over the summer, the meeting was spent preparing for the coming autumn and winter. Here, the most important topic was finalising the preparations for the Advocacy programme participants, who are set to start September 1.



Åsa Larsson Blind at SSRs annual meeting



All the participants from the first course for Sámi NGOs

As a part of building the capacity within Sámi organisations, and to strengthen the ties with civil society, we are visiting the Saami Council member organisations' annual meetings. So far, we have been able to visit the annual meetings of the Central Saami Association (SSG), the National Union of the Swedish Saami People (SSR), and Same Ätnam. meetings of the Central Saami Association (SSG), the National Union of the Swedish Saami People (SSR), and Same Ätnam.

At the end of May, we held the first course for Sámi NGOs in Anár. The topic of the course was **“Develop practical skills as a grant writer”**. There were 17 participants from different Sámi organisations. At the course, the Saami Council through Áile Jávo and Åsa Larsson Blind gave a presentation on the ABC of grant writing. Brigitta Jaksa from WWF Sweden taught the participants about best practices and lessons learned in grant writing. And finally, Outi Padaar from Interreg Aurora gave a presentation on how to make your applications more effective.



Participants working hard on creating good project ideas for the future

The participants also got to try some practical tasks, such as creating project proposals and to pitch it in front of the rest of the participants. There were many great project ideas floating around, and we hope to see them realised in the future!

We have started planning the next course, which will be held in the spring of 2025. The topic will be **“How to be the best communications officer in Sápmi”**. More information about the dates will come.

Update from Sámi Arena:

The first Sámi Dieđaváhkku will be arranged during Sámi Arena! It will gather Sámi

researchers from the whole of Sápmi, and strengthen the cross-border research networks. More information about Dieđaváhkku will be available at:

<https://diedavahkku.net/>

If you have ideas for sessions, topics or other events that can take place during Sámi Arena, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

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You will find more information about the project and the work packages on our website:

<https://www.saamicouncil.net/en/recap-asap>



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