

ReCap ASáp: regaining capacity in a changing Sápmi

Another period has gone by quickly in the ReCap ASáp: Regaining capacity in a changing Sápmi project! This period has been marked by preparing for Lávdan Sámi Arena this summer, but there have also been other activities taking place.

The project team has met twice in the period. 13.-16. January in Guovdageaidnu, and 8.-10. April in Heahtá. At both of the meetings it has been Lávdan Sámi Arena which has been the focus, and the team met with many local actors and collaborators for Lávdan Sámi Arena, like Sámi Allaskuvla and Beaivváš.



Group photo from the course for Sámi organisations on communication.

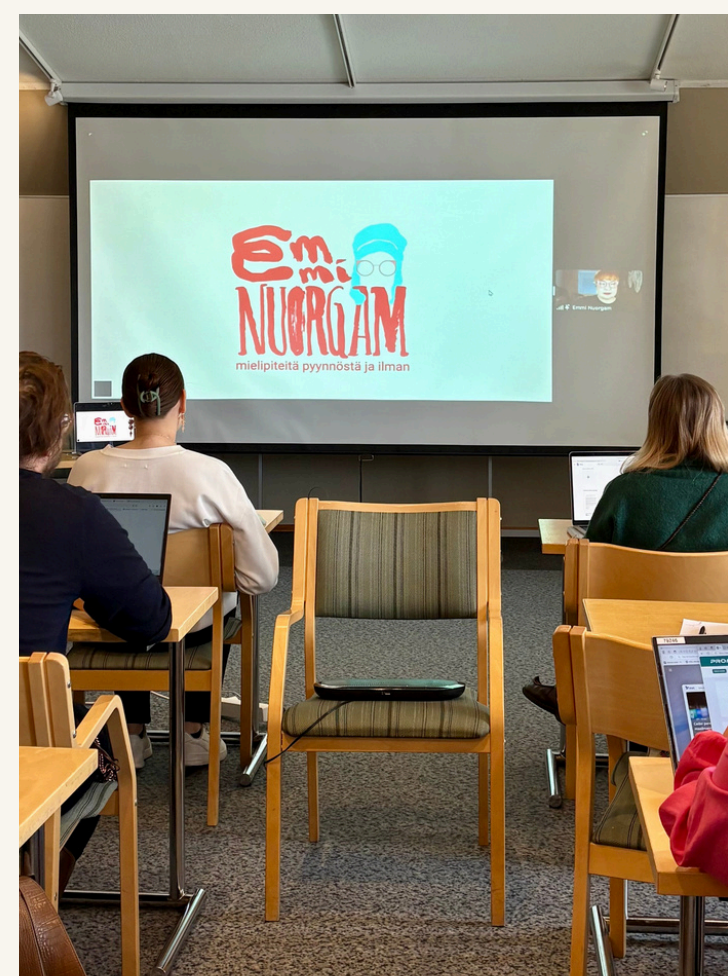
The planning for Lávdan Sámi Arena is going great! The first part of the programme has been released, and it contains a variety of topics, such as language, health, and cultural events! It is continuously being updated, and you can check it out here:

<https://lavdansamiarena.com/ruoktu/programma/>

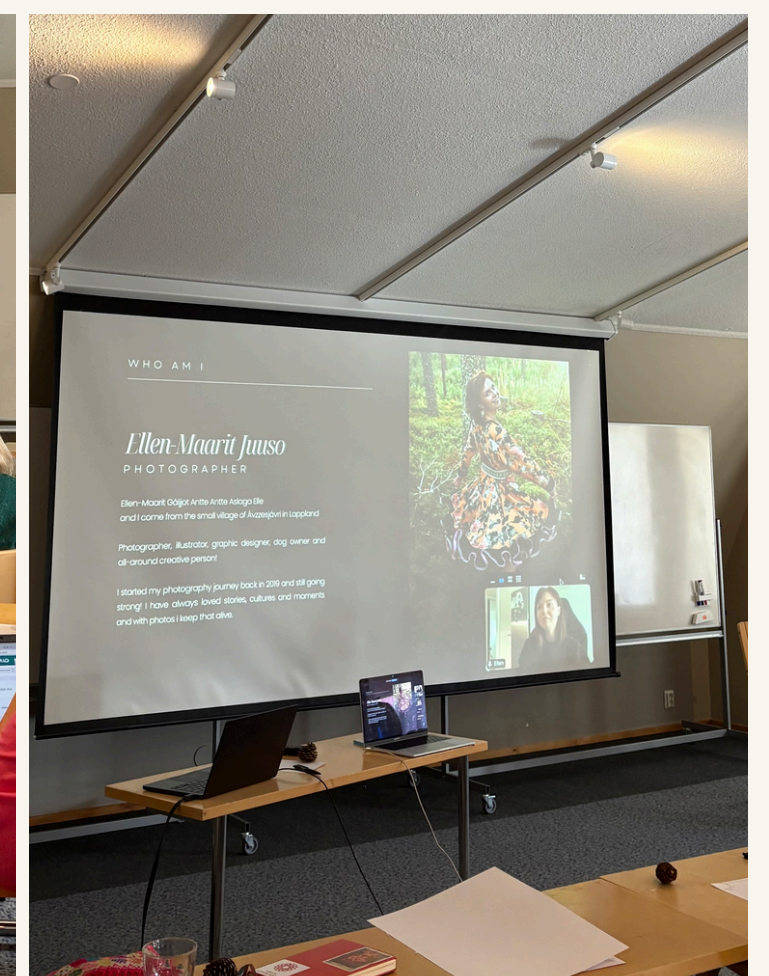
The highlight of the period has been the second course for Sámi organisations that we held 28.-29. March in Suoločielgi! The topic this time was communication. We had 28 participants from a variety of organisations and also other projects, and they got to improve their communication tool boxes through inspiring talks and practical exercises. We had both internal and external speakers, to ensure that the participants received the best possible insights. Thank you to Emmi Nuorgam and Elle-Maarit Juuso for their presentations, and to Petra Laiti and Piera-Heaika Muotka for sharing their knowledge!



Participants from Ommu râast raaj - People Cross the Border showing the persona of their communication audiences..



Emmi Nuorgam gave a presentation about making an impact with social media.



Ellen-Maarit Juuso taught the participants how to improve their photos!

The planning for the next course is already underway, and it will take place in autumn/winter this year. Keep your eyes open for more information!

Suoma Sámiid Guovddášsearvi

Suoma Sámiid Guovddášsearvi has a new webpage, where you can learn more about it and its member organisations. Check it out here: <https://samiidguovddassearvi.fi/sme/>

Suoma Sámiid Guovddášsearvi is arranging their annual meeting 09.-10. May in Gáregasnjárga. There will be a workshop with SápmiDem, and a joik event with Niillas Holmberg.

The leadership network had their second meeting, this time in Staare 18.-20. March, where they continued on the work from the first session. The next meeting is planned for Ánar in August.

The Advocacy Programme participants have had a busy period. They all met in Tråante 7.-10. April, where they got to learn more about South Saepmie through meetings with local organisations and institutions. Amongst others, they met with Trøndelag Fylkeskommune to learn more about their collaboration with Saemien moenehtse. During their stay, they also took a day-trip to Snåase, where they visited Saemien Sijte, and learned more about the museum and topics such as returning cultural objects.

All three have also been involved in the planning of Lávdan Sámi Arena. Per-Henning is primarily assisting with DutkanSápmi-Dieđavahkku. Janne has been working with events in relation to international guests and speakers, and Izabel is assisting in the planning of KulturSápmi.



The Advocacy Program participants visited Saemien Sijte in April. Here with Paul Bendikk Jåma and Birigttá Fossum.

More information about the project and the workpackages are available at our website:

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



Stay tuned for more updates!

The Advocacy Program participants have been involved in a variety of activities during the period:

**Per-Henning Mathisen**

Per-Henning has been appointed as the Saami Council's Head of Delegation to the Arctic Council working group Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR), and participated in the Arctic Health Preparedness Conference in Oslo in January, and the Arctic Emergency Management Conference in Bodø in March, as well as EPPR plenary meeting and HoD meeting online. He has also assisted with the Saami Council's work on youth projects, such as facilitating the Sámi Youth Network's monthly online meetings and an in-person gathering in Tråante in February. He has also assisted with the start up of the new youth training program - Sáttanuorat - Sámi Youth Delegates Program.

**Izabel Nordlund**

Izabel has primarily been involved with the Cultural Unit. Her work has included tasks related to the Sámi trademarks, meetings with licensing offices, contributions to knowledge hubs, and presentations at events such as the Jokkmokk Market and Ubmejen Biejvieh. During Ubmejen Biejvieh she was involved in planning a dialogue meeting, hosted by the Saami Council, which focused on hate speech and violence against Sámi and strategies for addressing those issues. She has also been involved in various administrative tasks, the writing of an Interreg Aurora project application, and participated in consultations with Norrbotten County Council in regards to their regional development strategy.

**Janne Hirvasvuopio**

Janne has been involved with different areas, including intellectual property, mining policy, EU funding application, and strategic collaborations. He has both attended an online seminar on mining waste, as well as himself having organised a webinar addressing critical aspects of the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, CRMA, aimed at Sámi rightsholders and Sámi civil society. Networking efforts and capacity-building initiatives have laid the groundwork for future development, and he participated in meetings with the EU Commission, with the Saami Council's EU unit, as well as engaging with EU Commission DG ENVI to discuss the gold mining situation in Sápmi. He has also been involved in writing an Interreg Aurora project application.