

ReCap ASáp: regaining capacity in a changing Sápmi

Another period in the ReCap ASáp project is done, and despite the summer holidays taking place, we have kept busy! There is just over one year left of the project, and during this period some of the large deliverables have been completed.

The project team has met twice in the period. They met in Guovdageaidnu May 20-22, where the final preparations for Lávdan Sámi Arena was the priority. In Romsa August 6-7, the team kicked off after the summer, and started preparing for what's happening in the coming autumn and winter.

The annual meeting included a workshop on the democratic participation of the Sámi people in green transition projects, held by the SápmiDem project, and a luohtegeavli joik evening held by Niillas Holmberg, with the aim of bringing joik closer to everyday life.



The luohtegeavli joik evening with Nillas Holmberg was a great success!

In a continued effort to further strengthen the relationship with the Sámi organisations, Åsa Larsson Blind from the project team attended Riksorganisationen Same Ätnams annual meeting in Giron, May 9-10. This was also a celebration of their 80 year anniversary - making it one of the oldest Sámi organisations still operating!

The Leadership Network met for the 3rd time, this time in Anár, August 18-20.



Participants at SSGs annual meeting in Gáregasnjárga.

Suoma Sámiid Guovddášsearvi held their annual meeting, May 9-10 in Gáregasnjárga. At the meeting the Badje-Deanu Sámit Association, located in Karigasniemi, was accepted as a new member organisation which means SSG now has 8 member organisations. The ReCap ASáp project is excited to see that SSG is crowing! The meeting also elected a new board for 2025-2027, and Aslak Holmberg continues as chair.

One of the highlights of this period was that Lávdan Sámi Arena was finally arranged! With over 480 participants, and over 50 events taking place, it was a success! There were great collaborations with other organisations and institutions, which created a programme with something for everyone. Many thanks to everyone who participated, and who made it to the success it was! Read more about Lávdan Sámi Arena [HERE](#).

As we are going into the final year of the project, some project parts are starting to wrap up. This autumn the knowledge hubs will have their final meetings before starting to prepare for the results which will be presented next summer, at the Saami Conference.

There are also two more courses that will be arranged for Sámi organisations. The next one will be arranged later this autumn, so keep an eye out for more information about this!

This period has also been the last period with our amazing Advocacy Program participants. They have also been working with Lávdan Sámi Arena, KulturSápmi and DutkanSápmi, having important roles in carrying out the events! In this period they also participated in conferences such as the Nordic Culture Forum 2025, and in the EU Arctic Forum, Indigenous Peoples' Dialogue and Arctic Youth Dialogue. Their active participation in conferences, in panels and such, truly shows that they are stepping up to their roles as advocates for Sápmi. This will not be the last we see of them!

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!

Some glimpses from Lávdan Sámi Arena

