

ReCap ASáp: regaining capacity in a changing Sápmi

The ReCap ASáp project activities have now officially kicked off, and things are starting to pick up. We have multiple activities coming up this spring, and more planned for the rest of the year!

From January, the team is joined by Anne Wuolab, who is taking over as the project advisor on the Swedish side.

We have had two project meetings so far this year, one in Kárášjohkka and one in Gilbbesjávri, where we have planned and organised upcoming events such as the NGO courses, the advocacy program, and the Sámi Arena.



Project meeting in Gilbbesjávri, planning for the upcoming year. From left: Enni Similä, Anne Wuolab, Åsa Larsson Blind.

In Heahtta during Márjjábeaivvit, 15 March, we held our first official event, which we can say was a success! Alongside Johti sápmelaččat, we arranged a seminar regarding Sámi reindeer herding where also new and relevant research in Sápmi was presented.

We have also attended a project day in Staare, arranged by Region Jämtland Härjedalen. It's



Anne Wuolab at Projektdagen 2024 in Staare, arranged by Region Jämtland Härjedalen.

important that we are able to come to the regions we are working with and for, and also getting to know the other interesting and important projects happening.

We have now announced the Advocacy program, which will start in the autumn. It will give three Sámi the opportunity to learn more about being an advocate for Sápmi, through theoretical and practical experience. The deadline for applications is **12.05.2024**.

Coming up in May, we have the first course targeted at Sámi NGOs. This is aimed at developing practical skills as a grant writer, such how to identify funding opportunities or translate a project idea to a plan that meets the funder's requirements. The course will take place in **Anár, 24.-25. May**, in conjunction with the Suoma Sámiid Guovddášsearvi's annual meeting. Deadline for registration: **10.05.2024**.

Knowledge Hubs Topics

Cross-border culture: Looking at the border obstacles in kultur-Sápmi, and how to work as one common cultural field.

Science collaboration in Sápmi: Discussion on how to enhance the possibilities for collaboration in the field of Sámi research.

Climate change: Discussing priorities in the field of climate change in Sápmi.

Circular economy: What does the term “circular economy” mean since the Sámi culture is based on a holistic way of thinking.

Gender in Sápmi: Discussing gender equality in Sápmi.

Sámifying organisations: Discussing Sámi working methods and how Sámi organisations can use these methods to strengthen their internal structures.



From Márjjábeaivvi in Heahtta. From left: Enni Similä, Aslak Holmberg, Tiina Sanila-Aikio, Anne-Maria Magga, Nils-Henrik Valkeapää, Heikki J. Hyvärinen.

The month of May also sees the first meetings in the Knowledge Hubs. We have six different hubs, with six different topics. More information on the Knowledge Hubs is available on our website. The results of the Hubs will be presented at the 23. Saami Conference in 2026, but there might be teasers of the results beforehand!

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 project team. From left: Enni Similä, Åsa Larsson Blind, Helene Ajuna Olsen, Anne Wuolab.