

PROGRAMME

Summit of Barents Euro-Arctic Indigenous Sámi People

22- 24 March 2023, Brussels

DAY 1

Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, Exhibition space “Bar Area”, 3rd floor, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

NB! An access badge to enter the European Parliament should be collected at the Info Hub (22 March, 14:00-18:30; 23 March 08:00-10:30). Please check the confirmation letter.

18:00 – 19:30 Opening of a Sámi art exhibition, evening reception

Opening words of the Sámi art exhibition by:

Eirik Larsen, Sámi Parliament in Norway, Member of the Barents Working Group of Indigenous Peoples

Heidi Hautala, MEP (Greens/EFA, Finland) Vice-President of the European Parliament

Anders Sunna, Sámi artist

DAY 2

Thursday, 23 March 2023

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak Building, room 3C050 (entrance via Altiero Spinelli Building)

08:00 – 09:00 Accreditation and welcoming coffee

09:00 – 10:30 Opening of the Summit

09:00 – 09:05 *Opening Keynote Speech of the Summit by Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament*

09:05 – 09:10 *Yoik by Niko Valkeapää*

09:10 – 10:30 **Opening keynote speeches:**

Greeting from Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland

Helena Dalli, Commissioner for Equality, European Commission

Håkan Jonsson, Chair of the Sámi Parliamentary Council 2023, President of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden

Nancy Charlotte Porsanger Anti, State Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development of Norway

Johanna Sjö, Chief of Staff of Tobias Billström, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden: opening remarks on behalf of the Government of Sweden as part of the Swedish EU Presidency 2023

Anni Koivisto, 1st Vice-President of the Sámi Parliament in Finland, Chair of the Summit Task Force

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Plenary session 1: Climate change & the Arctic

Moderator: Gunn-Britt Retter, Head of the Environmental and Arctic Unit of the Sámi Council

11:00 – 11:05

Yoik by Niko Valkeapää

11:05 – 11:40

Keynote speeches:

Silje Karine Muotka, President of the Sámi Parliament in Norway

Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director General of DG MARE (Environment, Oceans and Fisheries) of the European Commission

Klemetti Näkkäljärvi, PhD, Oulu university

“Sámi climate justice and participatory rights in Finland”

11:40 – 11:50

Technical break

11:50 – 12:40

Panel discussion

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, MEP (S&D Group, Finland), Co-chair of Intergroup of the European Parliament on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

Aina Madelén Nordsletta Aslaksen, Vice-Chair of the Youth Council of the Sámi Parliament in Norway

Akseli Koskela, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Finland

Erik Bergqvist, MEP (S&D Group, Sweden), Member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, Member of the Committee on Regional Development

Jan Rannerud, Member of the Board of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden

12:40 – 13:00

Questions from the audience

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch and time for networking, Le Grand Café Spinelli

14:00 – 16:00 Plenary session 2: EU's Arctic & Northern policies and Indigenous Peoples; rights, privileges, and obligations in community

Moderator: Stefan Mikaelsson, Member of the Board of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden

14:00 – 14:05

Yoik by Niko Valkeapää

14:05 – 14:30

Keynote speeches:

Anne Nuorgam, Member of the Sámi Parliament in Finland

Clara Ganslandt, Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, Head of the Western Europe/Arctic/Regional Division (Europe 1), European External Action Service

14:30 – 14:40

Technical break

14:40 – 15:30

Panel discussion

Ulla-Karin Sarri, Member of the Board of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden, Chair of the Sámi Language Committee

Johanna Suurpää, Director General, Department for Democracy and Public Law, Ministry of Justice of Finland

Anne Nuorgam, Member of the Sámi Parliament in Finland

Eduard Auer, Head of Division, Regional Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE (EURCA.1), European External Action Service

Aslak Holmberg, President of the Sámi Council

Clara Ganslandt, Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, Head of the Western Europe/Arctic/Regional Division (Europe 1), European External Action Service

15:30 – 15:50

Questions from the audience

15:50 – 16:00

Concluding remarks from the day 2 of the Summit by Håkan Jonsson, Chair of the Sámi Parliamentary Council 2023, President of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden

16:00

Closing of the day 2

18:00 – 20:00 Dinner reception, cultural program

Hosted by the Sámi Parliament in Finland and the Finnish Presidency of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council 2021-2023 (Dress code: business attire)

Venue:

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi/Westraat 75, Ballroom “Belgium”

Welcoming words by Jari Vilén, Ambassador, Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (CSO) and Tauno Ljetoff, Sámi Parliament in Finland

Sámi music by Anna Morottaja

Buffet dinner

Sámi music by Ailu Valle

DAY 3

Friday, 24 March 2023

Venue:

**European Parliament, Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak Building, room 3C050
(entrance via Altiero Spinelli Building)**

08:30 – 09:00

Welcoming coffee

09:00 – 11:30

Plenary session 3: Traditional knowledge and cultural heritage in Sámi communities

Moderator: Aslak Holmberg, President of the Sámi Council

09:00 – 09:05

Yoik by Aslak Holmberg

09:05 – 09:50

Keynote speeches:

Ronny Wilhelmsen, *Member of the Sámi Parliament in Norway*

Jutta Urpilainen, *Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission*

Anna Vuopala, *Secretary General for the Traditional Knowledge Network, Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland*

“Building awareness and co-operation capabilities between experts on indigenous traditional knowledge across borders”

Salla Saastamoinen, *Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

“Sustainable development and Sustainable Development Goals in Smart Specialization strategies in the European Arctic regions”

09:50 – 10:00

Technical break

10:00 – 10:50

Panel discussion

Anni-Sofia Niittyvuopio, *Chair of the Youth Council of the Sámi Parliament in Finland*

Alice Kuhnke, *MEP (Greens/EFA, Sweden), Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, former Minister of Culture, Sweden*

Pirita Näkkäläjärvi, *Member of the Sámi Parliament in Finland, Chair of the Cultural Committee*

Jean-Pierre Halkin, *Head of Unit, Interreg Cross- Border Cooperation, Internal Borders, European Commission*

Marie Persson Njajta, *Member of the Board of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden, Chair of the steering group of the Sámi Parliament regarding the Truth Commission*

Piera Heaika Muotka, *Member of the Sámi Parliament in Norway*

10:50 – 11:10

Questions from the audience

11:10 – 11:30

Concluding remarks from the day 3 of the Summit

Håkan Jonsson, *Chair of the Sámi Parliamentary Council 2023, President of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden*

Heidi Hautala, *MEP (Greens/EFA, Finland) Vice-President of the European Parliament*

Anni Koivisto, *1st Vice-President of the Sámi Parliament in Finland, Chair of the Summit Task Force*

11:30

Closing of the Summit

11:30 – 12:30

Lunch, *Le Grand Café Spinelli*

Departures