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Conference
on the **Future**
of Europe

Conference on the Future of Europe event in Oulu

The event is co-organized by The Prime Minister's office of Finland, City of Oulu, Council of Oulu Region and the foreign ministry of Finland (the chairmanship of Barents Euro-Arctic Council of Finland). The event is a part of series of events' organized by Finnish government under the Conference on the future of Europe.

30 NOV 2021, 9.30 A.M. – 1.50 P.M.

VENUE: Hotel Scandic City Oulu

ADDRESS: Saaristonkatu 4

THE LANGUAGE OF THE EVENT: English

EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY CITY OF OULU:
30.11.2021 at 6–7:30 p.m. at The Cultural Centre
Valve, which is within walking distance from the
Hotel and venue. Live music and dinner will be
provided.

AIM OF THE EVENT

The aim of the event is to give the youth from Barents Euro-Arctic area a chance to have a say on the future of Europe. The event will facilitate and enable cross-border dialogues for youth origin from Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia. The dialogues will have pre-selected themes, but the participants can also introduce topics on the table during the discussions. The dialogues are organized in a "timeout format" and a professional will moderate each dialogue. The event should focus on citizens' ideas and the active involvement of participants. Ms Tytti Tuppurainen, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering of Finland, will participate the event.

The participants for the event

- The aim is to invite youth from Barents Euro-Arctic area to the event. Schools, youth organizations, regional councils and municipalities will be asked for a help in inviting as well as The Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC). BRYC consists of youth representatives from Norway, Russia, Sweden and Finland.
- As a part of the event BRYC representatives will be encouraged to have pre-discussions on the topics to feed the discussion. The results of these pre-discussions will be used as a base for the discussions on 30.11.2021
- **We invite three BRYC representatives of each country** (Sweden, Norway, Russia) to participate the Conference in person.
- Those who will participate the conference in person will have their travelling expenses compensated by the event organizers. With travelling issues please contact paivi@barentscooperation.org
- **Registration for the conference is now open:**
<https://bit.ly/3i2Lmai>

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PROGRAMME

9:30 a.m. Registration & morning coffee

- The participants enter the venue & register
- Light breakfast & coffee is served.

10:00 a.m. The opening session

Moderator: **Simo Kekäläinen**.

- Opening: **Ms Tytti Tuppurainen**, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering of Finland
- Keynote: **Ms Ninni Norra**, the citizens' representative of Finland in CoFE Plenary
- Keynote: **Mr Jari Vilén**, Finland's Ambassador for Barents and Northern Dimension at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Greetings by the City of Oulu:
Mayor Päivi Laajala

10:40 a.m. Working groups

- The registries of the event will have simultaneously four dialogues. The dialogues are held in "timeout format" and the dialogues are moderated.
- In each working group there are one moderation (from Timeout organization), approximately 10 participants and a writer (from Oulu youth council)
- There is a possibility for a remote participation. However, if possible, live attendance will be supported.
- Possibility for the minister of European affairs to go around and follow the work of working groups during the session.

WORKING GROUPS

1. Values, rights, rule of Law, democracy and security.
2. Environment and Climate Change.
3. Stronger economy, social justice, jobs/ education, youth, culture, sport/digital transformation;
4. North, arctic and rural areas and their place in Europe

- Agenda of the working groups
- Warm-up 10–15 min.
- Main discussion that can be based on the topics from the pre-discussions. 35 min.
- Short break 5 min.
- Agreeing on the "results". What was discussed about? What was seen as an opportunity? Which challenges were brought up? Possible solutions? 25 min.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 p.m. Presentation of the results

- Back to the "main area". One selected person will present the agreed "results" from each discussions. 7 min / group.
- The reaction from **Ms. Tytti Tuppurainen**, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering of Finland, to the results.
- Reaction from City of Oulu: **Ms. Mirja Vehkaperä**, Member of The Committee of the Regions

1:50 p.m. Coffee and end of the official programme

6:00–7:30 p.m. City of Oulu evening reception at The Cultural Centre Valve

The reception venue is within walking distance from the Hotel and venue. Live music and dinner will be provided.

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