

European Youth Forum To whom it may concern

## **European Youth Capital 2026**

We, as Erasmus+ Youth National Agency in Norway, was very pleased to hear that the municipality of Tromsø wanted to campaign to be the European Youth Capital 2026.

The municipality of Tromsø, mostly represented by the youth cultural centre Tvibit, has been a beneficiary of Erasmus+ Youth through many programme periods. They have successfully applied for project funding using the broad variety of different actions within the programmes. Our experiences with them throughout the years have been overwhelmingly positive. They have always been strongly oriented towards Europe and international cooperation; not only within Erasmus+ and the previous generations of the EU youth programme, but also in the context of the Council of Europe and other European networks.

For these reasons, we have often showcased their project results as best practice, and we have thus benefited from the high quality of their performance. In case they would end up being awarded European Youth Capital 2026, we will seize the opportunity and locate some of our large-scale events that year to Tromsø. This would enhance the outcomes of their activities as well as of our own, give more visibility to and furthermore recognition of the youth field and of European cooperation.

We do not know the contents of the applications from the other contenders, but we know for sure that the municipality of Tromsø is a first-class candidate. This has been shown through their previous performances, competences, reliability, and their high organisational capacity.

We give them our very best recommendation.

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Yours sincerely,

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