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## Letter of support for Tromsø's candidacy for European Youth Capital 2026

The Sámi Parliament's Youth Council support the city of Tromsø's candidature for European Youth Capital 2026, and their ambitions to increase youth participation and young citizenship in the city and the whole region. We see this as a positive initiative for young people in the Arctic, and it is also positive that the initiative includes indigenous youth. We have positive expectations that such an initiative will also contribute to strengthening the involvement and participation of Sámi youth in the local communities.

The Sámi Parliament's Youth Council (SUPU) has been established by the Sámi Parliament Assembly to strengthen the influence of Sámi youth on the Sámi Parliament's politics. SUPU consists of five permanent members with deputies. The members come from all over the country and are aged between 16 and 28.

SUPUs main tasks are to:

- contribute to strengthening Sámi young people's co-decision and influence on the Sámi Parliament's policy
- work to motivate more Sámi youth to political involvement
- work to get more young people to register in the Sámi Parliament's electoral roll, to increase young people's participation in elections to the Sámi Parliament, and to get more young people represented in the Sámi Parliament and in other of the Sámi Parliament's boards and committees.

On behalf of SUPU,

Dearvuodaiguin/Med hilsen/Best regards

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