



**TROMSØ 2023**  
98<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SESSION

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT  
NORGE NOREG NORGA NORWAY



To whom it may concern,

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## **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TROMSØ'S CANDIDACY FOR EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2026**

The European Youth Parliament Norway Alumni Association has been working closely with the City of Tromsø for the past years, notably around the large, European event Tromsø 2023 - 98th International Session of the EYP, and express our strong support for Tromsø's bid for European Youth Capital 2026.

As an organisation aimed at gathering youth from all over Europe to become active and engaged citizens, our collaboration with the City of Tromsø and its many organisations and institutions focused on youth empowerment and inclusion, has shown the city is able to welcome and host large-scale youth events connecting local and Arctic youth with youth from all over Europe.

In March 2023 we held the 98th International Session of the EYP in Tromsø, gathering more than 300 youth from 34 different European countries, with the aim of bringing young Europe to the Arctic. Through our collaboration with several key institutions for youth in Tromsø, including TviBit, the Tromsø Municipality and the Tromsø Youth Council, we experienced Tromsø as a stronghold for youth participation. In Tromsø, youth are not only actively invited to be a part of policy making and civil society, they play a key role in outreach, knowledge sharing and international cooperation. Through the welcoming efforts of Tromsø institutions, our young participants were able to share views and learn more about the vital challenges facing the Arctic. The Arctic is a crucial playing field for important topics for youth, such as climate change, security and inclusion of marginalised groups.

With Tromsø as European Youth Capital, we are convinced European youth would be empowered to take part in building a sustainable and secure Arctic, and with that a more stable and secure Europe.

Tromsø contains unique structures for youth participation, and for collaboration between local and international youth. EYP Norway is excited to continue our close collaboration with the city, and to welcome many European young people to the Arctic European Youth Capital in 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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