

# Democracy speaks in many languages – what is sufficient?

#### **MAIN INFO**

**SALTO E&T link:** https://salto-et.net/events/show/FI01 0503 THO 2023

SE **Priority:** Sector: Other

Transnational Scope:

Type of presence: Face-to-Face Venue country: **Finland** 

Venue city: Other Working language: English

**Key Action:** Not applicable **TCA documents:** TCA Inari programme

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E+ Academy: Postponed: No No

Start date: 12.11.2023 End date: 15.11.2023

Subtopic: equal opportunities

### TCA DESCRIPTION

Themes and goals:

How do we give voice to multilingualism in schools and pedagogies? Whose voices are we hearing in education and language teaching? Do we know, see, and understand how minorities and multilingualism are part of our classroom interaction? Who has the right to speak a language, or which languages can be spoken in school? Is there room for "broken" languages in schools? The focus of the seminar is to examine and discuss language learning and practices from the point of view of present language learning paradigms, linguistic resilience, and learner autonomy. The underlying assumption is that a democracy values and thrives from multilingualism, but how these principals manifest in schools and in language education is a topic that needs to be addressed. The seminar will include presentations, workshops, school visits and informal meetings. The seminar is held in Inari (Finland), which is in the northernmost corner of the European Union, in the middle of the Northern Polar Cap. In the municipality three different Sámi languages are officially used side by side with Finnish language: they are North Sámi, Inari Sámi, and Skolt Sámi languages. Almost one third of the Inari citizens are Sámi. The local educational solutions combined with the current language teaching practices are strongly present in the seminar. In addition to introducing Finnish language education policies, the event will promote cooperation and exchange of educational practices among the participants. This seminar is co-produced by the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency (The Finnish National Agency for Education), the Self-Government Body of the Sámi and Regional State Administrative Agency for Lapland. The Norwegian and Swedish Erasmus+ National agencies are committed to send participants in the seminar.

**Expected results:** The participants will gain understanding, new ideas, methods, skills, and

motivation to support multilingualism in language learning and teaching.

Furthermore, the participants can establish networks and have possibility to find



cooperation partners for different opportunities offered by the Erasmus+

programme.

Additional information:

The seminar will be held in Finnish Lapland in the village of Inari.Please notice, that the selected participants are expected to participate in the seminar programme in full and be in Helsinki on 12.11.2023 in the afternoon (the exact time to be confirmed before the application form opens). There are limited traveling connections from Helsinki to Inari, and as the location is in such a remote place, the Erasmus+ National Agency of Finland will coordinate and cover the travel from Helsinki to Inari and back. More details will be given to the

chosen participants. The programme covers the 3 nights of hotel

accommodation in a single room and the meals during the seminar and the

transportation from Helsinki to Inari.

#### PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Organiser NA:** FI01 - Finnish National Agency for Education

Number of participants:

40

**Target group:** 

Erasmus+ Programme experience level:

**Profile of participants:** The seminar is open for teachers, teacher trainers, researchers and

administrators who are working with and interested in language issues and minority languages. We prefer participants from minority language areas, and if possible rural/remote/border areas.We expect 40 participants as follows: 8 participants from Finland 4 participants from Sweden and Norway 24

participants from other EU countries

Participants per country:

Sending partner(s) - Booked places:

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Pending Sending partner application(s)
- Booked places:

Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted

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Accepted places:



## TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Start date of TCA 16.06.2023 Application deadline: 10.09.2023

Participant Application:

**Confirmation deadline** 25.09.2023 **Confirmation deadline** 27.09.2023

for Sending NAs: for Organiser NAs:

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