

KIRUNA

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What is Kiruna 2029 looking for at the moment?

The European Capital of Culture is an initiative intended to invite everyone who wishes to engage, to broaden perspectives, discover new ways to develop, and allow creativity and curiosity to bring us closer together. It is an opportunity to present something out of the ordinary – something that challenges and inspires.

Bidding phase – implementation phase – concretization and review of the artistic program.

Requests from several directions, and we're now structuring the program work.



Right now, two ways to get involved

1) Artistic projects – for those of you who have a project proposal for a medium or larger artistic project. Open until October 31.

2) Test an Idea – for those of you who have a seed of a project, an idea, or thoughts about collaborating within a project. Open until December 31.

For whom: Local, regional, national, and international actors and organizations, among others.

Links to the two e-forms can be found at www.kiruna.se/2029



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To gather thoughts and ideas on things like:

- Small projects,
- Seed projects (early stage),
- Capacity building, outreach, engagement- and marketing project ideas,
- For anyone interested in connecting with us or looking for another partner for further discussion.

The aim is to create an overview for Kiruna 2029 of the interests and ideas that exist for future work.

For whom: Local, regional, national, and international actors.



Artistic Projects

Artistic projects – for those of you who have a project proposal for a medium-sized or larger artistic project.

What is meant by a medium or large project?

Not just “money” but also scope, e.g.;

- Run by your own partner
- Requires preparation time
- Co-financing
- Can take place over a longer period
- Can involve many target groups
- Collaborating partners
- Maybe your own open call

For whom: Local, regional, national, and international actors and organizations.



Criteria Kiruna 2029

As part of the artistic program work leading up to Kiruna 2029, five criteria have been developed - Homemaking, European Adventure, Perspectives, Finding New Ways, and Power of Culture.

The criteria serve as a guide for shaping the official program and weave together the artistic concept and the goals formulated for work with the European Capital of Culture in Kiruna 2029. The criteria are thus a support for those of you who want to collaborate through artistic projects and during the selection process.



- 1) **Homemaking** is about exploring how relationships and contexts can contribute to a sense of safety, belonging, and a sense of home.
- 2) **European Adventure** is about sharing knowledge, collaborating across borders, and building new relationships with partners in Europe and beyond.
- 3) **Perspectives** is about enabling a diversity of stories and viewpoints to be expressed and take their place.
- 4) **Finding New Ways** is about artistic excellence, creative exploration, and incorporating the traditional in unexpected ways.
- 5) **Power of Culture** is about how the project is rooted in Kiruna and makes a local impact here and now, while also building capacity for the future.

More on the criteria you will find on www.kiruna.se/2029



Time line

October 31 - application closes.

November- Review of applications, possible additional information required

December - Assessment group reviews applications

January – Assessment meeting

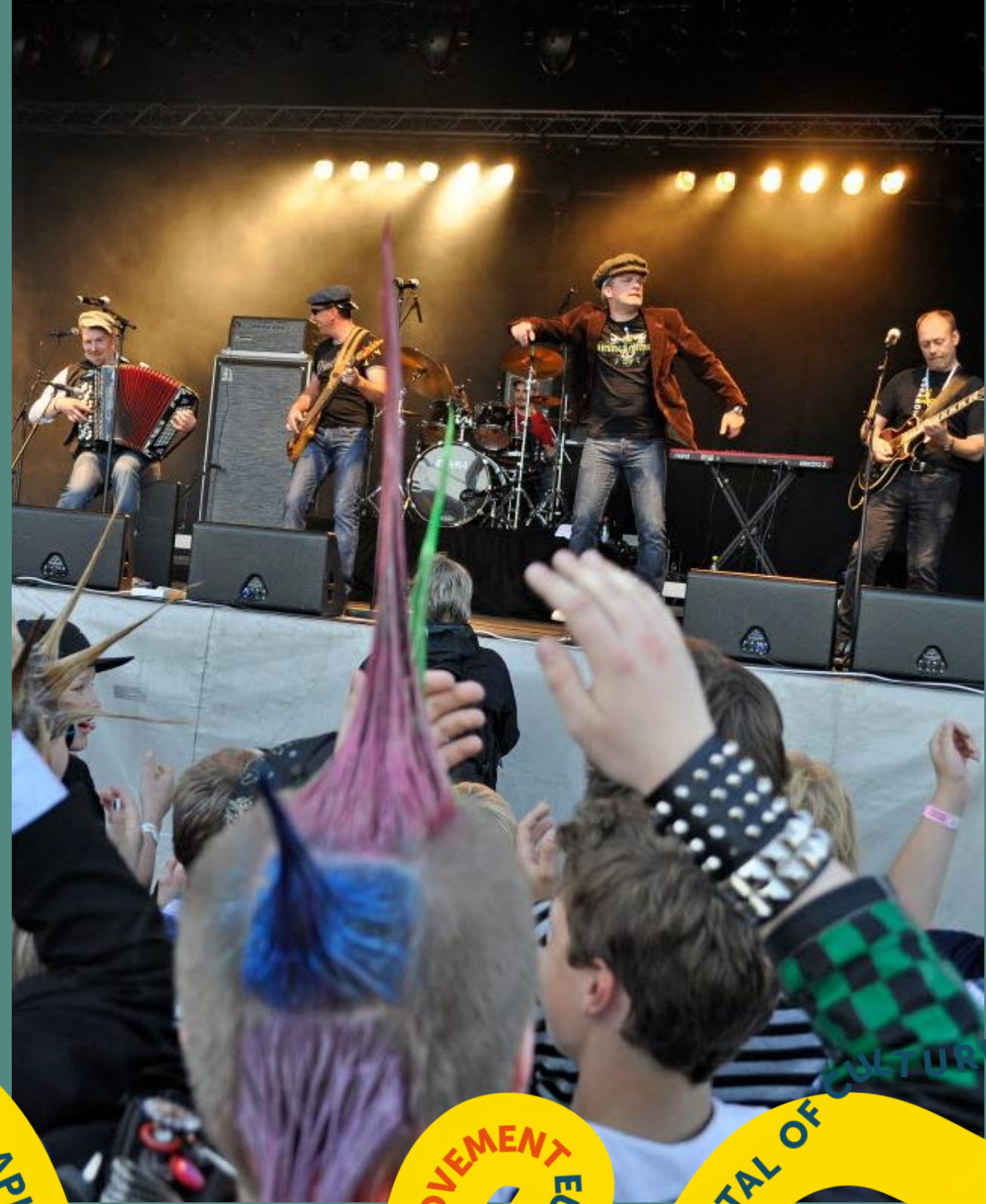
Jan-Feb – Feedback to applicants

February - May – Further dialogues with selected project owners, individually and in groups, to finalize project plans, include projects in an overall context, share knowledge and information about ongoing and future work

Summer 2027 – Agreement and contract signing

Assessment group: five experts to carry out evaluations of applications for Kiruna 2029's official program.

Final decision is made by the European Capital of Culture Committee.



Support and funding

Funding - up to max. 50% co-financing from Kiruna 2029.

Any adjustments to budgets and project content will be made in dialogue with the projects selected for further cooperation.

There are no specific requirements for which project costs can be covered by funding granted by Kiruna 2029. However, it is important to note that Kiruna 2029 cannot be the sole funder of a project.

Other types of support: in-kind.

Applicants can specify their support needs in the application form, which will then be discussed further between Kiruna 2029 and the project owner after the selection process.

Projects selected to be part of Kiruna 2029's official artistic program will also be included in the organization's ongoing communication and joint program activities. These efforts are designed to support the successful development and implementation of the projects as effectively as possible.



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Together for culture!

By starting from our place and circumstances, we can together create the most beautiful and personal European Capital of Culture year ever!



Thank you! Tack! Kiitos! Giitu!

Questions?

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