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European Capital of Culture 2029: Kiruna

Information from Sweden

In 2029 Sweden's northernmost municipality, Kiruna, will be the European Capital of Culture.

This is the third time Sweden hosts a Capital of Culture. Two Swedish cities participated in the competition for Capital of Culture 2029, Kiruna and Uppsala. The Swedish government decided on March 6, 2025, to designate Kiruna as the European Capital of Culture, following the EU jury's review of the applications and their recommendation to the government.

Kiruna's application is titled "Movement - Below ground. On Earth. In Space". In the application Kiruna described the vision as follows: *In Kiruna, Movement is not merely a concept. It's a daily experience and a way of life. When we unpack our concept from different thematic angles, we reveal layer after layer of how it wraps around Kiruna. As a dimension of time, Below Ground is what's behind us, our history and our heritage and roots. On Earth is the present, where we stand in this moment in time and In Space is what lies ahead of us, the future, hopes and dreams.*

At the meeting of the EYCS Council on 12-13 of May 2025, the Swedish delegation would like to shortly inform all delegations about the process and Sweden's hosting of the European Capital of Culture 2029.
