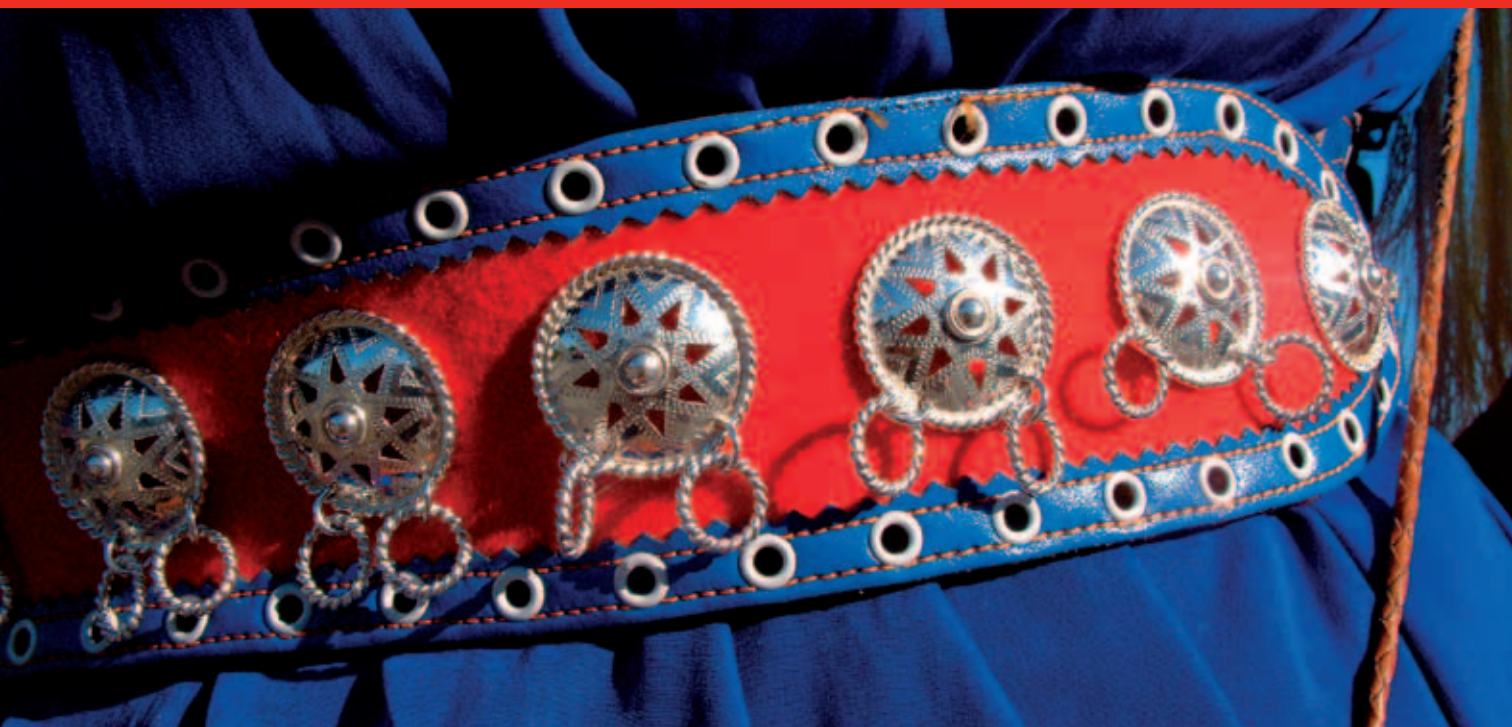


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THE SÁMI PARLIAMENT





*Guhkkin davvin Dávvgaid vuolde
sabmá suolggai Sámieatnan:
Duottar leabbá duoddar duohkin,
jávri seabbá jávrri lahka,
čohkat čilggiin, čorut čearuin
allánaddet almmi vuostá;*



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THE SÁMI PARLIAMENT IS BUILDING A FUTURE IN WHICH

- the Sámi as an indigenous people live and develop on the basis of their own linguistic and cultural background in a multi-linguistic and -cultural society in good contact with the other cultures;
- the Sámi Homeland has become a viable, well-known and unique area which especially draws, through its competitive conditions, Sámi young people to settle in their home region or return there;
- the constitutional self-government of the Sámi in linguistic and cultural matters is realized in practice, too;
- the Sámi participate, on equal footing with other population groups, in planning and decision-making in matters that concern their area, the use of its natural resources, and the other sources of livelihood in the area;
- the Sámi Homeland abounds in jobs for the Sámi-speaking population, especially for young people;



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- the Sámi practice their traditional sources of livelihood according to the principle of sustainable development in legally and economically safe conditions. A great many Sámi also get their income from “modern” occupations, and it is common to live on a mixture of livelihoods;
- the Sámi language is used on equal terms with the Finnish language in all spheres of life;
- there is a great deal of natural cooperation with the Sámi of the neighbouring countries.

THE PLENUM

The 21 members of the Sámi Parliament and their four deputies are chosen every four years through elections in which the Sámi can vote. Each of the municipalities of the Sámi Homeland must have at least three members in the Parliament. The Sámi Homeland consists of the municipalities of Utsjoki, Inari and Enontekiö and the Reindeer-Herding District of Lappi in the municipality of Sodankylä. In the Sámi Parliament, the Plenum has the supreme authority. The political work is lead by a full-time chair – the President of the Sámi Parliament. The chair and the two vice-chairs are chosen for one term at a time. The Plenum of the Sámi Parliament elects an **EXECUTIVE BOARD** of seven members for one term at a time. It consists of the chairs and four other members of the Parliament. The Executive Board is subordinate to the Plenum, and its purpose is to be responsible for the political actions and the administration of the Sámi Parliament and to prepare the meetings of the Parliament. The Plenum also appoints five expert committees that prepare the matters concerning their line of activities for the Executive Board.



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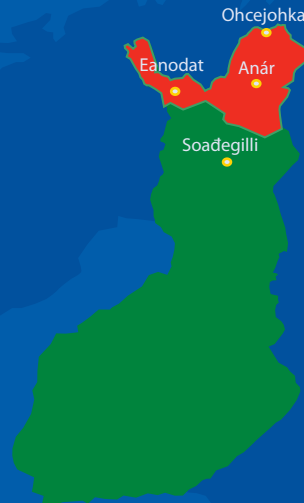
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THE SÁMI PARLIAMENT

- is the representative body of self-government of the Sámi, the indigenous people of Finland
- plans and implements the linguistic and cultural self-government guaranteed to the Sámi through the Constitution of Finland
- supervises and promotes the rights and conditions of the Sámi
- attends to matters that concern the Sámi language and culture and the position of the Sámi as an indigenous people
- makes initiatives and proposals, prepares statements and negotiates with authorities and political decision-makers in matters that deal with the tasks of the Sámi Parliament
- decides how the state appropriation granted to the common use of the Sámi is used
- has been founded through an act in 1995 (SSK 1995:974)
- is elected through elections every four years

THE SECRETARIAT

has its main office in the village of Inari. The Secretariat is divided into the General Office, the Sámi Language Office and the Educational Office.