

FINNO-UGRIC CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2019: SELECTION PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 4.4.3 of the Statutes of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture programme (hereafter: Statutes), Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples (MAFUN) hereby specifies the procedure and timeline for selecting the Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2019.

1. Eligible candidates

In accordance with Article 5 (Ensuring Diversity of Capitals of Culture) of the Statutes and as a result of the title of Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2017 having been in the Republic of Karelia (Russian Federation), all Finno-Ugric countries and regions **except** the Republic of Karelia are eligible to apply for the title of Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture.

2. Selection Jury

The five-member jury shall consist of the following members:

- 1) Käbi Suvi - President of MAFUN (Chair of the Jury)
- 2) Rieka Hörn – community leader at Obinitsa, Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2015 (Setomaa/Estonia)
- 3) Marija Launonena – geographer, Finno-Ugric activist, member of Sukukansojen Ystävät ry (Friends of Kindred Peoples NGO), (Finland)
- 4) Elena Pluyko – Head of Vuokkiniemi – Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2017 organizing committee (Karelia/Russian Federation)
- 5) Nina Belyaeva – Mayor of Bygy – Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2014 (Udmurtia / Russian Federation)

3. Timeline

Selection of Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2019 will take place according to the following timeline:

- **December 16, 2017:** Official announcement of the competition in Vuokkiniemi (Karelia). Application materials are published and downloadable on Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture website (www.uralic.org)
- **December 18, 2017 - February 28, 2018:** Communication and PR. Preparation of applications.
- **March 1, 2018:** Final deadline for submission of applications to the Programme Bureau of Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture (see 5. Programme Bureau). Applications must be sent only electronically (in PDF format) to capitals@uralic.org.
- **March 1 – March 14, 2018:** Evaluation of applications by the Selection Jury (for more detailed procedure, see 4. Rules of Selection)
- **April 7-8, 2018:** 2nd Round presentations for top 3 candidates to be held in Obinitsa (Setomaa/Estonia). + public announcement of the winner of the title „Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2019“

4. Rules of Selection

Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2019 will be selected by the Jury based on two (2) rounds of selection. In both rounds, no formal selection criteria are applied; jury members are encouraged to use their own personal judgement about the quality of applications. However, members of the Jury are asked to take into account the general selection criteria listed under Article 4.3. of the Statutes. The two rounds will be conducted as follows:

- 1) In **Round 1**, jury members independently rank all applications from 1 to N (N=number of eligible applications) where „1“ refers to the most competitive and „N“ to the least competitive application. Based on that, Programme Bureau calculates arithmetic averages of the rankings of all applications. Three applications with the highest average ranks are selected for Round 2. However, Selection Jury can decide to extend the number of applications selected to Round 2 to more than three.
- 2) In **Round 2**, selected applicants (three or more) will be invited to prepare presentations to be delivered in person at a special public event attended by members of the Jury on April 7 in Obinitsa. Thereafter, jury will privately convene, select and announce the winner on April 8 in Obinitsa.

5. Programme Bureau

During the period December 2017 – April 2018 (ie, until selection of the Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2019), the Programme Bureau of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture is represented by Oliver Loode (Estonia) from URALIC Centre for Indigenous Peoples NGO (Põlisrahvaste arengu keskus MTÜ) registered in Tallinn, Estonia, based on a mandate from MAFUN.

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