



## FINNO-UGRIC CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2023: SELECTION PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 4.4.3 of the Statutes of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture programme (hereafter: Statutes), URALIC Centre NGO ([www.uralic.org](http://www.uralic.org)), in association with the Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples (MAFUN), hereby specifies the procedure and timeline for selecting the Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2023.

### 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 2022 having been awarded to Udmurtia (Russian Federation), all Finno-Ugric countries and regions except Udmurtia are eligible to apply for the title of Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2023.

### 2. Special theme: International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032

Programme bureau of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture encourages all applicants to take into account in their programming that 2023 will mark the second year of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032, a UN initiative to be coordinated by UNESCO. In practical terms this means that the Programme Bureau welcomes applications that place the preservation and revitalization of Finno-Ugric languages at the centre of the programme of the Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture year.

### 3. Selection Jury

The five-member jury will be selected by December 1, 2022.

### 4. Timeline

Selection of Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2023 will take place according to the following timeline:

- **October 12, 2022:** Official announcement of the competition. Application materials are published and downloadable on Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture website ([www.uralic.org/projects/capitals/downloads](http://www.uralic.org/projects/capitals/downloads))
- **October 12, 2021 – December 12, 2021.** Communication and PR. Preparation of applications.
- **December 13, 2021:** 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](mailto:capitals@uralic.org).

- **December 13 – 19, 2021:** Evaluation of applications by the Selection Jury (for more detailed procedure, see 4. Rules of Selection)
- **December 20, 2021** – Announcement of 3 finalists of the competition
- **January 14, 2022:** 2<sup>nd</sup> round presentations for 3 finalists to be held in Otepää, Estonia (hybrid offline + online format).
- **January 14, 2022:** Public announcement of the winner of the title „Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2023“

## 5. Rules of Selection

Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture 2023 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 (up to three) will be invited to prepare presentations to be delivered in person or online at a special public event on January 14, 2022, to be held in Otepää, Estonia (location of the Secretariat). Thereafter, jury will privately convene and select the winner. Results of the competition will be publicly announced on the same day.

## 6. Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Finno-Ugric Capitals of Culture is represented by URALIC Centre NGO (URALIC KESKUS MTÜ), registered in Otepää, Estonia, based on a mandate from MAFUN.

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