

Reindeer Husbandry's role in the Nordic-Arctic food system and its significance for food preparedness

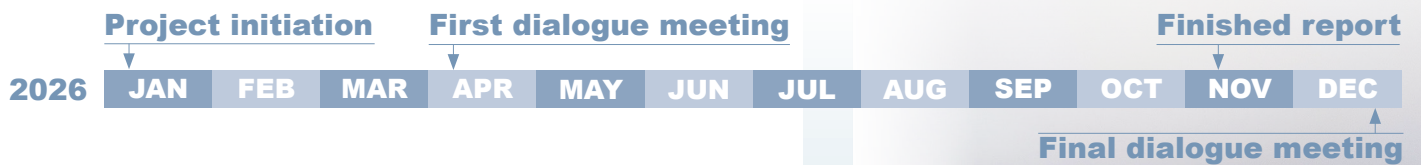
Background

During the year, the Nordic Reindeer Herding Committee has initiated work with the aim of strengthening the common knowledge base on the importance of reindeer herding for food security in the Nordic region.

This initiative is motivated by two main factors. First, a literature review conducted by Nordregio in 2017 on behalf of the Committee concluded that few studies adopt a joint Nordic perspective. The review highlighted the need for comparative research across the Nordic countries, particularly noting a lack of studies addressing the economic aspects of reindeer husbandry in the Nordic Arctic. The report emphasized the importance of further research into the economic value and value chains of reindeer husbandry.

Second, recent geopolitical developments have increased the Nordic Council of Ministers' focus on preparedness, resilience, and robustness, as reflected in, for example, the Karlstad Declaration. These developments further underline the importance of building a stronger knowledge base around reindeer husbandry's current and potential contributions to Nordic food preparedness.





Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to strengthen the joint knowledge base, identify needs for development and potentials for collaboration concerning reindeer husbandry and food preparedness in the Nordics.

Through dialogue meetings with key stakeholders, the activity also aims to increase understanding of the needs, perspectives, and roles of different actors involved in issues related to reindeer husbandry and food security. Furthermore, it seeks to address identified opportunities for collaboration and learning, define possible ways forward, and inspire action.

Activities

• Report

A project team at the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy (NIBIO) will prepare a report that maps the role of reindeer herding in the Nordic-Arctic food system. The report will examine the importance of reindeer herding for food security today and assess how its role can be further developed and strengthened in the future.

• Dialogue meetings

Two dialogue meetings with selected key stakeholders will be organised. The first meeting will take place at the initial phase to ensure that important perspectives and issues are identified and understood early in the process. The second dialogue meeting will be held after the completion of the report to discuss its findings and recommendations, explore future development pathways, and inspire to action.

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