

DRAFT (10 April 2025)

## **Arctic Telecommunications Infrastructure: Past, Present and Future**

Timing: 17-18 September 2025

Place: Arctic Centre, University of Lapland (Rovaniemi, Finland)

Language and format: English, onsite event

Registration: Event is free of charge, but pre-registration is needed

Organizer: Telecommunications infrastructure, time, community, and the Arctic environment-project (funded by Kone Foundation) + possibly others

Supported by: UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Telecommunications and Networking

### **Program draft:**

#### **17.9.2025 (tentatively 12:00-17:00):**

Opening remarks and introduction

Session/Theme: Arctic telecommunications infrastructure: local needs and local voices

Coffee break

Session/Theme: The role of the Arctic in international and global telecommunications networks

18:00 onwards, self-paid dinner

#### **18.9.2025 (tentatively 09:00-13:00)**

Session/Theme: Arctic telecommunications infrastructure and security

Lunch

Wrap-up discussion and ideas for future collaboration

16:00 onwards, opening of a special exhibition on telecommunications in Northern Finland.

Confirmed speakers: Mette Simonsen Abildgaard (Aalborg University), Heather Hudson (University of Alaska Anchorage), Michael Delaunay (OPSA, Observatoire de la Politique et la Sécurité de l'Arctique), Jaap van de Beek (Luleå University of Technology), Mirva Salminen (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway), Ritva Kylli (University of Oulu), Juha Saunavaara (Hokkaido University) ...