

DRAFT (18 March 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 words and introduction

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

Coffee break

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

1800 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 concerning future collaboration

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

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