

Indigenous Perspectives on EU Green Policies and Europe's Future

21st WIRE

Brussels, Belgium, 1-2 July 2026

PROGRAM

Wednesday 1st July (Salle du Conseil)

14:00 – 14:30 Coffee

14:30 – 14:45 Welcome and introduction, Mrs Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

Chair: Prof. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

14:45 – 15:30 Session 1. *Navigating Arctic Complexity: A Decade-Long Exploration Of Sámi-EU Relations In The European Arctic*. Mrs Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain - Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

15:30 – 16:15 Session 2. *Indigenous Governance and the case of Sápmi*. Mr. Oula – Antti Labba, Sámi Council Human Rights Unit, Kautokeino, Norway

Collective discussion of presentation

16:15 – 16:45 Break

Chair: Mrs. Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

16:45 – 17:30 Session 3. *From Rights on Paper to Arctic Policy in Practice: Indigenous Participation and Energy Transition*. Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri, Akureiri, Iceland

Collective discussion of presentation

17:30 – 18:15 Session 4. *Food Security in Sápmi*. Mr. Anders Oscar – Sámi University of Applied Sciences, Kautokeino, Norway

Collective discussion of presentation

19:00 **Dinner (by invitation only)**

Thursday 2nd July (Salle du Conseil)

9:30 – 9:45 Coffee

Chair : Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

9:45 – 10:30 Session 5. *Title tbc.* Dr. Angele Minguet, UCLouvain – Saint Louis, Bruxelles

Collective discussion of presentation

10:30 – 11:15 Session 6. *Green Colonialism in Arctic Transitions: Sámi Voices and Public Narratives in the Fosen Wind Farm Dispute.* Mrs. Samaneh Kohestani, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

Collective discussion of presentation

11:15 – 11:30 Break

Chair : Prof. Francois Thoreau, Uliege

11:30 – 12:15 Session 7. *Arctic Justice.* Mrs. Daria Mishina, University of Lapland

Collective discussion of presentation

12:15 – 13:00 Conclusions and final Discussion

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch (open to all attendees by registration)

List of participants

Speakers from Belgium

1. Mrs. Samaneh Koohestani - UCLouvain
2. Mrs. Eleni Kavvatha - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles
3. Angele Minguet - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

Speakers from outside Belgium

1. Mr. Oula-Antti Labba - Human Rights Unit of the Saami Council
2. Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri
3. Mr. Anders Oskal – Sami University of Applied Sciences
4. Daria Mishina – University of Lapland

Scientific Committee

1. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint Louis Bruxelles
2. Francois Thoreau, Uliege

