

# Indigenous Perspectives on EU Green Policies and Europe's Future

21<sup>st</sup> WIRE

Brussels, Belgium, 1-2 July 2026  
PROGRAM

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (Salle du Conseil)

### 13:30 – 14:30 Coffee and Sandwiches (by registration only)

14:30 – 14:45 Welcome and introduction, Ms Eleni Kavvatha and Prof. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint – Louis Bruxelles, Belgium

### Chair: Ms. Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

14:45 – 15:30 Session 1. *Indigenous Governance and the case of Sápmi*. Mr. Oula – Antti Labba, Sámi Council Human Rights Unit, Kautokeino, Norway

Collective discussion of presentation

15:30 – 16:15 Session 2. *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

### 16:15 – 16:45 Break

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

16:45 – 17:30 Session 3. *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

17:30 – 18:15 Session 4. *Green Colonialism in Arctic Transitions: Sámi Voices and Public Narratives in the Fosen Wind Farm Dispute*. Dr. Samaneh Kohestani, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

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

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Salle du Conseil)**

**9:30 – 9:45 Coffee**

**Chair : Prof. François Thoreau, ULiège**

9:45 – 10:30 Session 5. *Can Europe's Green Transition Be Just? What Sámi Conflicts Reveal About the Limits of European Environmental Governance.* Dr. Angèle Minguet, Senior Researcher, Iles de Paix, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

10:30 – 11:15 Session 6. *Arctic Justice.* Mrs. Daria Mishina, University of Lapland, Finland

Collective discussion of presentation

**11:15 – 11:30 Break**

**Chair : Ms. Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles**

11:30 – 12:15 Session 7. *Does warfare take it all? On the dynamics of militarization of environments and the ecologies of re-weaponisation.* Prof. François Thoreau, ULiège, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

12:15 – 13:00 Conclusions and final Discussion

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (by registration only)**

## List of participants

### Speakers from Belgium

1. Ms. Eleni Kavvatha - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles
2. Dr. Samaneh Koohestani - UCLouvain
3. Dr. Angèle Minguet – Iles de Paix

### Speakers from outside Belgium

1. Mr. Oula-Antti Labba – University of Lapland
2. Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri
3. Daria Mishina – University of Lapland

### Scientific Committee

1. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint Louis Bruxelles
2. François Thoreau, ULiège