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ICH EDU North – A project that focuses on music education and lifelong learning enhancing inclusion, equality, and cultural diversity

Short description / Abstract:

In this project (2026 – 2028) central focus is to strengthen social sustainability through intangible cultural heritage (ICH). Integration of ICH into decision-making processes and educational structures is done through workshops and a research-based roadmap for transformative learning. In parallel, the project supports culturally sustainable entrepreneurship and strengthens connections between education and working life. It also builds on previous ICH North networks and expertise

The project brings together higher education institutions, cultural organizations, and regional stakeholders to co-develop educational models and learning resources. Key activities include the creation of a toolkit for educators featuring video materials, interactive learning content, and master-apprentice encounters, as well as networking opportunities for knowledge exchange.

Digitalization plays an important role through the development of online models for sharing detailed musical heritage materials, particularly targeting advanced learners and professional musicians. Additionally, the project advances minority perspectives in music education and contributes to long-term development strategies for inclusive and culturally diverse learning environments.

By linking cultural heritage, education, and societal development, ICH EDU North contributes to building resilient, inclusive, and culturally sustainable futures in the Nordic region. The project has five work packages, one of which focuses on minority cultures. It is funded by INTERREG Aurora and the leading partner is Centria University of Applied Sciences (FI). Sámi allaskuvla is an associated partner in this project.

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