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We warmly invite you to join the **Final Conference** of EU Interreg Aurora funded **Felles fjellrev – Together for the Arctic fox**, taking place **23rd September 2026** at the **Kilpisjärvi Biological Station, Finland**. **Conference presentations are available through Teams webinar** link and also streamed in YouTube. **Webinar is open for everyone**. It is also possible to join the conference seminar at Kilpisjärvi Biological station, but places are limited.

Join us for a day of presentations, knowledge exchange, and collaboration on the conservation measures, population status and future of Arctic fox in Norway, Sweden and Finland.



Felles Fjellrev is a cross-border project between Sweden, Norway and Finland whose goal is to save one of our most endangered mammal species – the Arctic fox. The project has been running thanks to funding from EU Interreg Aurora. The project ends in October 2026.

As a result of long-term intensive conservation program accompanied by considerable monitoring and research efforts and a good collaboration between Norway, Sweden and Finland arctic fox is at present recovering from being critically endangered. Felles Fjellrev is Norwegian for “everyone’s Arctic fox”, which is the starting point for the project. Arctic foxes move unhindered across national borders on the tundra and in the bare mountain regions above the tree line in Sweden, Norway and Finland and our common goal is a stronger and viable Arctic fox population spread to the mountain areas where they once lived.

International co-operation and exchange of information and expertise are required for effective arctic fox conservation results. The project is coordinated by the Norrbotten County Administrative Board and involves many local partners. Together, we complement one another and form a network with a knowledge base that is invaluable for the work of helping the Arctic fox.

During the conference we will present and discuss conservation measures done and results achieved during the Felles fjellrev - project 2024-2026, as well as the status and future of arctic fox in Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Please find the preliminary seminar programme below or visit Felles fjellrev homepage:
www.fellesfjellrev.se/event/felles-fjellrev-final-conference/

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Felles fjellrev - Together for the Arctic fox Final Conference

Preliminary seminar program (changes may occur)

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 (Finnish time zone)

Introduction

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome to Felles fjellrev Arctic fox conference (Jukka Ikonen, Metsähallitus)

09:15 - 09:30 Felles fjellrev - Together for the Arctic fox - project overview (David Bell, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten)

Communication - Information materials

09:30-09:45 Information channels and materials produced by Felles fjellrev (Therese Wätz, WWF Sweden)

Population status

09:45 - 10:00 Finland - current status of arctic fox (Jukka Ikonen, Metsähallitus)

10:00 - 10:15 Sweden - current status of arctic fox (Johan Wallen, Swedish Museum of Natural History)

10:15 - 10:30 Norway and Fennoscandian total population (Nina E. Eide, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research NINA)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

Conservation measures

11:00-11:15 Supplementary feeding - regional feeding station solutions (Tomas Bergström, County Administrative Board of Jämtland)

11:15 - 11:30 GPS tracking of released arctic foxes (Craig Jackson, NINA)

Interspecific competition

11:30 - 11:45 Managing red foxes in arctic fox habitat – What can we learn from GPS-collared individuals? (Dorothee Ehrich, UiT, The Arctic University of Norway)

11:45 - 12:00 Don't feed the red fox - campaign (Petteri Tolvanen, WWF Finland)

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break

Mapping arctic fox genetics and habitat requirements

13:00 - 13:15 Genetic population monitoring at individual level across borders (Karin Norén, Stockholm University)

Diseases

13:15 - 13:30 Screening for parvovirus and adenovirus in red fox and arctic fox using serum filter strips and chest cavity fluid (Andrea Miller, University of Inland Norway INN)

13:30 - 13:45 Disease Surveillance – Can eDNA analysis from scat samples be used to assess disease prevalence? (Kristine Ulvund, NINA)

13:45 - 14:00 Contingency plan for diseases in Arctic foxes – How can we respond to potential outbreaks? (Åsa Granberg, County Administrative Board of Västerbotten)

Rodent dynamics

14:00 - 14:15 Rodent dynamics in NW Lapland: implications for the arctic fox (Heikki Henttonen, Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE)

Project continuation

14:15 - 14:30 Exit strategy – LIFE programme proposal. How do we continue collaborative efforts across national borders in Fennoscandia? (David Bell, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten)

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break

Genetics

15:00 - 15:15 Loss of genetic variation and increased levels of inbreeding in the Fennoscandian Arctic fox population (Øystein Flagstad, NINA)

15:15 - 15:30 Strongly deleterious mutations influence reproductive output and longevity in an endangered population (Karin Norén, Stockholm University)

15:30 - 15:45 Optimizing the genetic composition of the Fennoscandian Arctic fox population through release and translocations (Lina Arntsen, NINA)

Future

15:45 - 16:00 Developing a Management Strategy Evaluation Framework for Arctic Fox Recovery (Inari Helle/Samu Mäntyniemi, Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE)

16:00 - 16:30 Moving forward - how do we continue to keep the population growing (Anders Angerbjörn, Stockholm University)

16:30 Thank you and final words - End of program

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