



Unesco ICH Evaluation Conference and International Stockfish Heritage Meeting, Finnmark, 12th-16th June 2025

The UNESCO ICH Evaluation conference and food event is planned at Nordkyn Peninsula, [Visit Nordkyn - Where Nature Rules - Visit Nordkyn](#)

The Seasami cultural development organisation Bivdu.no has, with the kind assistance of the Regional Tourist Organisation/Visit Nordkyn reserved all available hotel capacity at the Mehamn fishing village [Mehamn - Visit Nordkyn](#) during the period.

Conference participants must register at post@bivdu.no

There will be 3 programs for the visitors:

- 1. for the UNESCO ICH Conference**
- 2. for international and local chefs and students**
- 3. visit for stockfish companies**

Tentative UNESCO Conference Program

Thursday 12 June:

Day time visit to Mearrasiida Seasami cultural center at Billefjord will be organized for the groups staying overnight at Lakselv. See [Mearrasiida - Hjem](#)

Afternoon arrival of more conference participants at Banak [Lakselv Airport - Avinor](#) .

Welcome to Finnmark **and travel by bus** from Banak airport to Mehamn at **18.30** - for all international guests to [Mehamn - Visit Nordkyn](#)

Late evening at hotel: Information and welcome to Mehamn.

19.30 dinner for early arrivals at Mehamn hotel

21.30 Late and light evening meal for the bus travellers from Banak

Friday 13 June:

Place: Municipal Hall, Mehamn

08.30 Registration of Conference participants

09.00 Morning Information, by Conference mediator Prof. Carl W. Matthias Kaiser.

Welcome to Mehamn by the conference organiser, Inge-Arne Eriksen, of [Bivdu](#) and Lord Mayor of Gamvik Municipality Mrs. Ragnhild Vassvik. Short presentations of Slow Food Mearra-Sápmi, representative of the Norwegian UNESCO Commission and foreign guests. Greetings from Calabria and information about the dinner by Enzo Cannata, Accademia dello stoccafisso di Calabria.

09.30 Welcome to Finnmark by County Mayor and political Leader, Hans-Jacob Bønå.

09.45 The mission of the Norwegian UNESCO Commission by Vice Chair, prof. Inger Måren

10.15 The resource situation for the NEA cod and coastal stocks by dir. of research, Geir Huse, IMR Institute of Marine Research.

10.45 Break time - coffee, tea, cakes and fruits

11.00 Stockfish and the Seasamis, by Einar Eythorsson, Slow food Mearra-Sapmi.

Stockfish being part of the Seasami Food system, by Camilla Brattland, UiT

11.30 Welcome to Sapmi, by Ms. Sandra Márjá West, Sami Parliament,

12.00 Seasami Culture, resources and challenges, by Inge-Arne Eriksen, Bivdu

The old trade relations between Bassano and Sami in the 16th Century, by Othello Fabris

12.30 Tour by bus to Foldalbruket [Foldalbruket - Visit Nordkyn](#),

13.00 Lunch at Tørrfisk loftet på Foldalsbruket.

Welcome by Lord mayor of Lebesby Municipality Mrs. Kristin Johnsen

14.00: Guiding and storytelling about Folldalsbruket

15.00: Bus to Davvi Siida-Verdde kultur and Joik <https://davvisiida.no/en/>

16.00 Tour bus to Dyfjord and visit to Lyder Fish [Dyfjord and Kifjord - Visit Nordkyn](#) & [Lyder Fisk - Vi leverer vill kongekrabbe, fisk og sjømat fra Nord-Norge | Lyder Fisk](#)

19.30 Festive Calabrian Stockfish Dinner Event at Mehamn Hotel

Saturday 14 June:

09.00 Place: Municipal Hall/Samfunnshuset at Mehamn - Information of the days program

09.10 The economic and cultural importance of stockfish in Norway, a video presentation to the UNESCO conference by the Norwegian Minister of Fisheries, Marianne Sivertsen Næss.

09.30 Iceland's Contribution and Support for the ICH nomination, and a short presentation of the new Nordic Demos project by Guðmundur Guðmundsson, Slow Food Iceland.

10.00 Support for the ICH nomination from the City of Bergen, video message from Leader of Culture, Mr. Reidar Digranes

- 10.15 Greetings from the European Parliament and Italy, video message from Elena Donazzan, Vice chair, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy at the EU Parliament.
- 10.30 Unesco in Nigeria – ICH nomination progress and support needs, by Chief Cultural Officer, Nigerian Ministry of Culture, Emmanuel Odekanyin.
- 11.00 Short break – coffee, tea, cakes and fruits.
- 11.15 How to involve communities in UNESCO ICH nominations – examples from the Madeira Wine Traditions nomination, by Prof. Antonio M. da Silva, University of Madeira.
- 11.45 UNESCO stockfish ICH nomination process in Germany, by Klaus Adelt, Selbitz.
- 12.10 How to proceed and requirements to the nomination of immaterial cultural heritage to UNESCO in Norway, by Eivind Falk, NHI-Norwegian Crafts Institute. (UNESCO credited NGO)
- 12.40 Presentation of status about the UNESCO nomination work for the immaterial cultural stockfish traditions, and the development of a Charter, by members of the ICH International Stockfish Heritage Working group. UNESCO video and photos. Discussion continues Sunday.
- 13.00 Lunch at Mehamn Arctic Hotel [Mehamn Arctic Hotel - Visit Nordkyn](#)
- 14.00 Bus to Skjånesbruket and boat trip to Tanafjord and the Smalfjord Seasami stockfish hanging racks. See: <https://vimeo.com/995292867> Welcome by the Municipality of Tana.
- 19.30 Dinner at [Nordic Safari - Visit Nordkyn](#) – a taste of Nordkyn

Sunday 15 June:

- 09.45 Place Municipal Hall: Coffee, tea, cakes and fruits.
- 10.00 Information about the days program.
- UNESCO Conference/Seminar continues.
- What is a charter and about its use by Antonio M da Silva.
- Short speeches from our international guests
- 12.30. Summary of the UNESCO stockfish heritage meeting and proposals for follow up.
- 13.00 Lunch at Municipal Hall
- 14.00 Public program – free taste bits to the public at Municipal Hall
- 14.00 For the conference group - Visit to Gamvik Museum <https://kystmuseene.no/gamvik/en> (The stockfish history of Norway)
- Late afternoon - There will be the opportunity to choose between several activities, such as fishing trips, whale safari, jet ski safari, local history walking tour, as we have limited opportunities to get everyone on the same activity.
- Activity* Nordkyn Nordic Safari – [Summer - Nordic Safari Wildlife](#)
- 14.00 An organised tour for stockfish companies to visit the drying facilities at Nervei village.
- 19.30 Dinner at [Nordic Safari - Visit Nordkyn](#) – a taste of Nordkyn and Italy

Monday 16 June:

Early breakfast

08.00 Return by bus to Lakselv Banak airport

The Chefs Program

At Mehamn Hotel

Catering and chef students as well as local chefs from Nordkyn are invited to meet international chefs to experiment and learn about each other's cuisine with special ingredients, stockfish and local foods. The chef's program will be developed in due time, based on experiences of similar events in Italy.

On Sunday there will be an open, free tasting buffet for local people in the Nordkyn area.

The stockfish companies' program.

There will be organised visits to various stockfish production facilities for the Italian stockfish artisans and companies.

On Friday the companies will attend the opening of the UNESCO conference and the bus trip to lunch at Folldalsbruket, and visit stockfish producing company, Lyderfish at Dyfjord.

On Saturday the Italian companies will participate with the conference or the chef's program – And travel with the conference participants by boat to the Smalfjord Seasami producers.

Sunday Visit to Nervei village and the Seasami self-producers of stockfish.

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