

Arctic Science Summit Week 2022

# **RATIC/T-MOSAIC Community Meeting**

## **Arctic Community Perspectives**

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# Content

- Best Practice example: Rággočearru
- Climate Change impacts on Sámi culture
- Flexibility one of the tools in the box
- Society at large solutions – Green transition
- Political processes
- Why are Sámi people not heard?



# Rággočearru

- 2014 Positive story in local newspaper:  
*«The first non-controversial windmill park now operating»*
- 2019 Controversy over evaluation report
- 2020: 49% of shares sold to foreign interests
- New Plans evolving

# Climate Change Impacts

- Winter: fluctuations around zero
- Unsecure ice
- Longer growing season
- Heavy snowfalls
- ...



# Flexibility as tool

- Alternative migration routes
- Alternative migration times
- Feeding: a last resort



# Green Transition

- Solutions sought on lands that are in use
- Wind energy
- Rare minerals for batteries
- Give up land for the greater good...
- .. Business as usual



# Fovsen-Njaarke Case

- Reindeer Herders /environmentalist opposing the wind industry
- Roan and Storheia wind power plants, 151 turbines, in operation since 2019/20
- Supreme Court ruling October 2021: construction violates Sámi reindeer herders' right to enjoy their culture.

# The Policy Mechanisms

- Consultations
- Impact Assessments
- Letters
- UN reporting system
- SoMe campaigns
- International Media attention



# Conclusions

- Overproduction - no modesty
- Consumption
- Many channels and mechanisms to raise our voice and points
- Science should ask why this is not listened to!