



## **SameNet- a Sámi communication platform**

### **SameNet**

SameNet is a communication platform for the Sámi people; this platform is beneficial for Sámi democracy, identity, information, debate and education. As a connected SameNet user you get a convenient mail address with the domain name same.net.

For example an e-mail address can be [lars.larsson@same.net](mailto:lars.larsson@same.net).

Organizations can establish conferences for their members. Everyone can influence the development of their own conference and every connected organization chooses a responsible moderator. The moderator functions as a local driving force, which constructs the institutions conference and supports their users. There are also conferences on SameNet that are open for all SameNet users. Conferences like for example: köp/sälj-oastit/vuovdit, lediga tjänster-rabas virggit, debatt-ságastallan, nyheter-oddasat.

SameNet use the system FirstClass that supports the Unicode system which means that you can write with Sámi characters.

### **Technology**

SameNet is based on a FirstClass server, which is an easy system to use. You connect through Internet with the FirstClass Client or through the web browser.

The FirstClass Collaboration Suite is a fully integrated suite of applications designed to enhance communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing within education and corporate environments. FirstClass takes communication capabilities well beyond standard groupware solutions by integrating a powerful set of features and applications for online collaboration, learning, content sharing and publishing.

FirstClass offers a cost-effective and powerful solution for both education and corporate organizations that provides all the tools for managing a

communication and collaborative solution. The flexible design of FirstClass allows each organization to choose how best to utilize the system and customize it to meet their unique needs, resulting in a variety of compelling industry solutions that are outlined in this section.

## **Organization**

The SameNet server is placed, owned and administered by Samernas utbildningscentrum (Sámi Education Center) in Jokkmokk. SameNet (Interreg project during the period 2005-08-01—2008-04-30) is financed by EU Interreg IIIA Nord (measure 6.1 Sámi society development), The Sámi Parliament Cultural Council, the County Administrative Board (Länsstyrelsen) in Norrbotten, Jämtland and Lappi Län (Finland), Samernas utbildningscentrum (main operator in the project), Norwegian governmental interreg and Norwegian governmental co-financing bodies. Other operators are Árran, Lulesámi centre, Norway, Sámi university college, Norway, and Sámi oahpahušguovddáš, Enare, Finland.

Sámi institutions, Samebys (Sámi villages), Sámi organizations and private Sámi users are connected to SameNet. SameNet started during the summer of 1998 and it was SSR, The Swedish Sámi National association, who originally started SameNet. Sámi institutions and organizations can use SameNet for internal communication and information for the connected users.

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