

KUUSAMO

Deep hole drilling in Kuusamo was suspended - a depth of three kilometers is still the goal

The bottom of the borehole collapsed and drilling will continue next year.





In South Kuusamo, a depth of three kilometers is sought by drilling. Stock image.

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The Kuusamo deep hole drilling project has had to be suspended.

The aim of the Geological Survey project was to drill a deep hole to three kilometers, but drilling has stopped less than two kilometers due to the roughness of the rock.

- A broken rock or possibly a state of tension was found in less than 1,700 meters so that the drilling rigs could not get through when the rock collapsed. Next year, a new route will be wedged for continuous drilling next year, says **Aleksi Salo**, project manager of the Syväreikä project .

According to Salo, the hole is to be drilled to a depth of three kilometers.

The purpose of the deep hole is to create a test environment for bedrock research in Finnish conditions, among other things. Finland has not previously drilled up to three kilometers with diamond drilling.

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