



Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of development of the Arctic

Seminar

The EU in the Arctic, the Arctic in the EU

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We welcome you to the Final Seminar

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Understanding the EU's impact on the Arctic starts with an efficient and effective use of scientific and fact-based information. Combining this scientific understanding with Arctic stakeholders' in-depth knowledge and experience is crucial in properly addressing the challenges the Arctic will face. Only by effectively applying this information and engaging stakeholders from all backgrounds and levels (local, regional and global) can one fully comprehend the complexity of the changes happening in the Arctic and create a roadmap for the sustainable development of the region.

The EU aims to be on the front lines when it comes to fostering sustainable Arctic development. By combining the different viewpoints of a wide variety of Arctic stakeholders, the EU-funded "Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of development of the Arctic" project has helped to clarify some of the most important Arctic development trends.

This seminar will discuss the role of the EU in the Arctic, as well as the role of the Arctic in the EU. It will investigate information-sharing, policy-making and decision-making with the aim of further bridging current gaps between the Arctic and the EU.

In the opening policy session of the seminar, four keynote speakers will present their unique perspectives of the Arctic, after which, a number of experts will lead engaging discussions on the important ongoing developments in the region. In the afternoon, members of the EUAIC consortium will present the results of the project's insightful assessments, and examine information and communication gaps about the Arctic. The consortium will also present a compendium that outlines current Arctic initiatives and projects going on in European countries.

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- 09:00 – 09:10 **Opening & welcome**
Hannu Halinen, Arctic Ambassador of Finland
- 09:10 - 09:30 **The Arctic from the Perspective of the North**
Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- 09:35 - 09:55 **The Arctic from the Perspective of the EU**
Lady **Catherine Ashton**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission (tbc)
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Global Arctic**
David Plunkett, Ambassador of Canada to the European Union (tbc)
- 10:25 - 10:45 **People in the Arctic**
Lars Anders Baer, Senior member of the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples, Barents Euro-Arctic Council
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee break**
- 11:15 - 11:25 **EU Arctic Information Centre - feasibility analysis**
Paula Kankaanpää, Director, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- 11:30 - 12:15 **Role of EU in the Arctic**
Panel of Members of the European Parliament
- 12.15 - 13:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15 - 13:45 **Role of information in decision making and Arctic policies**
Panel of the EUAIC Network
Chair **Björn Dahlbäck**, Director, Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
Roberto Azzolini, European Polar Board, European Science Foundation
Jean-Claude Gascard, Pierre and Marie Curie University
Liisa Holmberg, Sámi Education Institute
Peter Harris, GRID-Arendal
Nicole Biebow, Alfred Wegener Institute
Halldór Jóhannsson, Arctic Portal
Heather Lane, Scott Polar Research Institute

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- 13:50 - 14:00 **Strategic Assessment of development of the Arctic**
Adam Stępień, Researcher, Impact Assessment Expert Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- 14:00 - 15:00 **Arctic Trends**
Climate change in the Arctic
Mikko Strahlendorff, Finnish Meteorological Institute
Changes in Arctic Maritime Transport
Gunnar Sander, Norwegian Polar Institute, Fram Centre
Changing Nature of Arctic Fisheries
Sigmar Arnarsson, UiT Arctic University of Norway
Developing Oil and Gas Resources in Arctic Waters
Michał Łuszczuk, Committee of Polar Research – Polish Academy of Sciences
Mining in the European Arctic
Kim van Dam and **Annette Scheepstra**, Arctic Centre, University of Groningen
Land-Use Pressures in the European Arctic
Kirsi Latola, Thule Institute of the University of Oulu, University of the Arctic Thematic Networks
Social and Cultural Changes in the European Arctic
Adam Stępień, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Conclusions**
Timo Koivurova, Research Professor, Senior Impact Assessment Expert, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
Discussion / questions from the audience
- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 - 15:55 **The Arctic initiatives and projects in Europe**
Lize-Marie van der Watt, Research Coordinator, Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
- 15:55 - 16:05 **Information and communication gaps regarding the Arctic**
Arne Riedel, Researcher, Ecologic Institute
- 16:05 - 16:15 **Assessments in policy making in the Arctic**
Małgorzata Śmieszek, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- 16:15 - 16:45 **Discussion and closing**
- 17:00 - 18:00 **Reception**

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