

## Turning the ambition of the new EU Arctic Policy into a reality

**Wednesday 1 June 2022 | 13.15-16.30 | Brussels**

*4th floor, House of the Dutch Provinces, 59-61 Rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels*

### **FINAL AGENDA**

#### **12.15-13.15 Arrival and networking lunch**

<b>13.15-13.30</b>	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr Cees Loggen</b>, CPMR President, Regional Minister of Noord-Holland</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Erik Bergkvist</b>, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEArctic Intergroup responsible for Arctic Affairs</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Pierre Karleskind</b>, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the PECH Committee and SEArctic Vice-Chair for Marine and Maritime Research</li> </ul>
<b>13.30-15.00</b>	<b>Supporting the green transition and sustainable blue economy of the European Arctic: opportunities and challenges</b>
	<p><u>Moderation</u>: <b>Mr Pierre Karleskind</b>, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the PECH Committee and SEArctic Vice-Chair for Marine and Maritime Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr Tomas Mörtzell</b>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair of the Regional Development Committee, Region Västerbotten and Chair of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Arctic Task Force</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Jussi Ylitalo</b>, Chair of the Board of Oulu Region</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Ketil Eiane</b>, Prorector at Nord University, Bodø</li> <li>○ <b>Ms Montserrat Riba</b>, Delegate to the Delegation to the Nordic Countries and Baltic States – Government of Catalonia</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Olivier Poivre d'Arvor</b>, French Ambassador for the Poles and Maritime Issues (video message)</li> </ul> <p>➔ Reaction from <b>Ms Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director General, Directorate for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</p> <p><i>Discussion with participants and the audience</i></p>

15.00-15.20	Coffee break
15.20-16.20	<b>Supporting international and interregional cooperation to preserve the Arctic as a safe place</b>
	<p><b>Moderation: Mr Urmas Paet</b>, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the European Parliament’s Arctic Friendship Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms Tanja Joonas</b>, Member of Board of the Regional Council, Lapland and Senior Researcher at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland</li> <li>○ <b>Ms Daria Makhotina</b>, Chair of Barents Regional Youth Council</li> <li>○ <b>Mr Jari Vilen</b>, Ambassador, Barents and Northern Dimension, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland</li> </ul> <p>➔ Reaction from <b>Mr Michael Mann</b>, EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters at the European External Action Service</p> <p><i>Discussion with participants and the audience</i></p>
16.20-16:30	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr Erik Bergkvist</b>, SEArca Vice-Chair responsible for Arctic Affairs</li> <li>○ <b>Ms Lucille Ehrhart</b>, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission</li> </ul>

**Background documents:**

- In October 2021 the European Parliament adopted a resolution “[The Arctic: opportunities, concerns and security challenges](#)”
- In October 2021 the European Commission and EEAS published a joint communication “[A stronger EU engagement for a peaceful, sustainable and prosperous Arctic](#)”
- In March 2022 the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Executive Committee adopted a [Policy Position](#) developed by its Arctic Task Force to react to the new EU Arctic Policy conveying a regional perspective
- In April 2022, France published a [new Strategy for the Antarctic and Arctic](#)
- The Council of the EU will take a position in Spring 2022 about the new EU Arctic Policy
- The Committee of the Regions is preparing an Opinion about the new EU Arctic Policy
- Other regional and national actors have taken a position on the EU Arctic Policy in the last months.