



EUROPEAN POLAR BOARD

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Background

Formed in 1995 as a strategic advisory body to European Science Foundation.

1995

Jan. 2015

EPB became an independent legal entity hosted by NWO in Den Haag.

EPB became a Swedish legal entity, hosted by the Arctic Centre, Umeå and Luleå University, and the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat.

Jan. 2025





Acknowledgement of Sámi Land & Heritage

We acknowledge the Sámi people, the Traditional Custodians of Sápmi Ubmeje, the unceded lands on which we live and work in Sweden.

The EPB Secretariat is situated at Ubmeje/Umeå University Campus. Before the Campus was built in 1965, the area was part of the winter grazing land of the Sámi reindeer herders of Ran. By recognizing this history, we acknowledge that we are in Sápmi, on traditional Sámi land, and we honour the past, present, and future generations of the Sámi people.





Mission

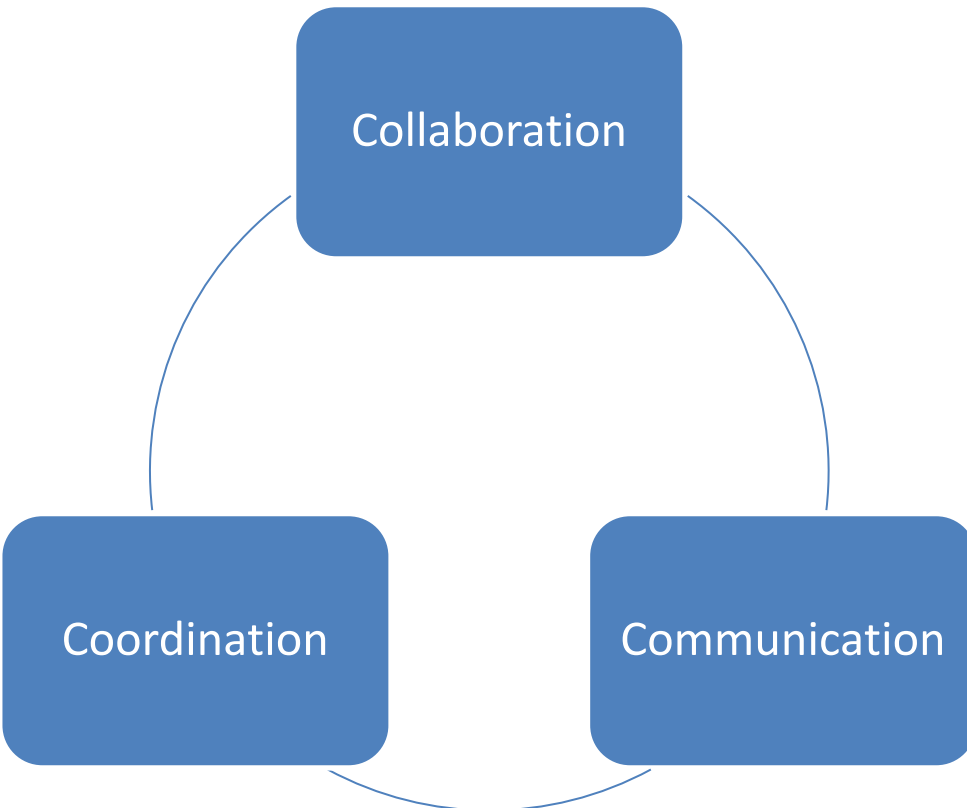
Enhance European coordination in Arctic and Antarctic research through improved information sharing, optimised infrastructure use and joint initiatives between Members.





Strategy

Unified yet diverse European polar research voice





POLAR RESEARCH
INSTITUTE



Danish Agency for Science
and Higher Education

ARCTIC CENTRE
AT
UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

LULEÅ
TEKNISKA
UNIVERSITET



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SWISS POLAR
INSTITUTE



CNR | DSSTTA



The Research
Council of Norway



ALFRED-WEGENER-INSTITUT
HELMHOLTZ-ZENTRUM FÜR POLAR-
UND MEERESFORSCHUNG



INSTITUT
POLAIRE
FRANÇAIS
PAUL-ÉMILE VICTOR



Strengths – Bipolar vision

20 POLAR RESEARCH VESSELS

The EPB Members operate a total of 20 research ships specialised for operations in polar waters, including heavy icebreakers, along with countless smaller vessels and craft in Arctic and Antarctic waters. If all EPB Members' research vessels were lined up, bow to stern, they would stretch over 2 km.

7 POLAR RESEARCH AIRCRAFT

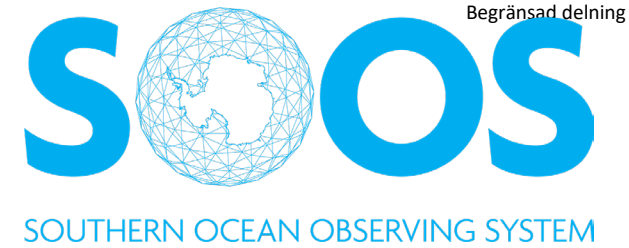
EPB Members operate seven aircraft dedicated to polar research, carrying out scientific surveys and providing logistical support to field operations in the Antarctic and the Arctic.



67 POLAR RESEARCH FIELD FACILITIES

EPB Members own or operate a total of 67 polar fieldwork facilities, including large stations, cabins, shelters and field camps to support field campaigns by polar researchers - 33 in Antarctica and 34 in the Arctic.







EPB Action Groups – some examples

Action Group on Polar Infrastructure

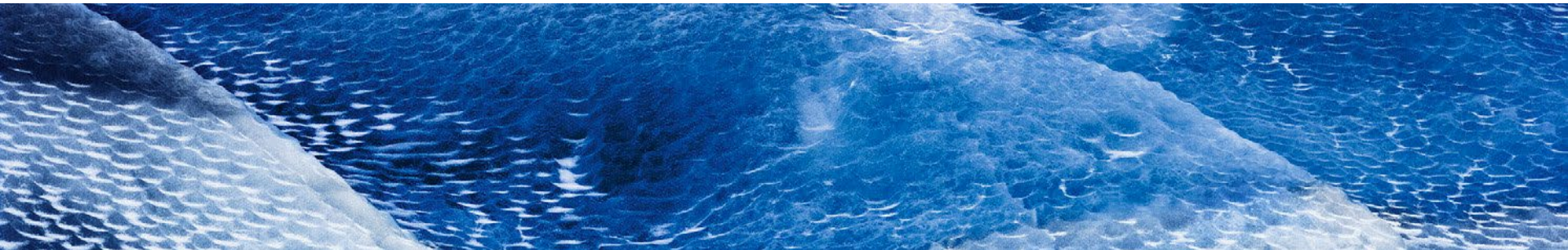
Transfer and further maintenance the EU-PolarNet Polar Infrastructures Database, and creating the EU-PolarNet Polar Infrastructures Catalogue

Action Group on International Cooperation

Working to improve cooperation and collaborations between European and international polar research communities

Action Group on Environmental Impacts of Polar Research & Logistics

Sharing best practice examples of reducing impact of polar research from both poles





Example: EPB Action Group on Infrastructure

- The forum provided by EPB enables Members to coordinate and share information on infrastructure facilities and access
- Leads to tools and coordinated initiatives that can support collaboration with international partners around the world
- European Polar Infrastructure Catalogue and Database
- Upcoming activities to share and harmonise access requirements between Members, to also benefit international partners
- Members collectively reaching out





EPB Action Groups – some examples

POLARDEX
INTERACTIVE POLAR INFRASTRUCTURE DATABASE



Field
Facilities



Vessels



Aircraft



Planned
Routes

Name Search



Search

Data Sort

Name Ascending

Location

Any Location

Operating Country

Select...

Facility Operator

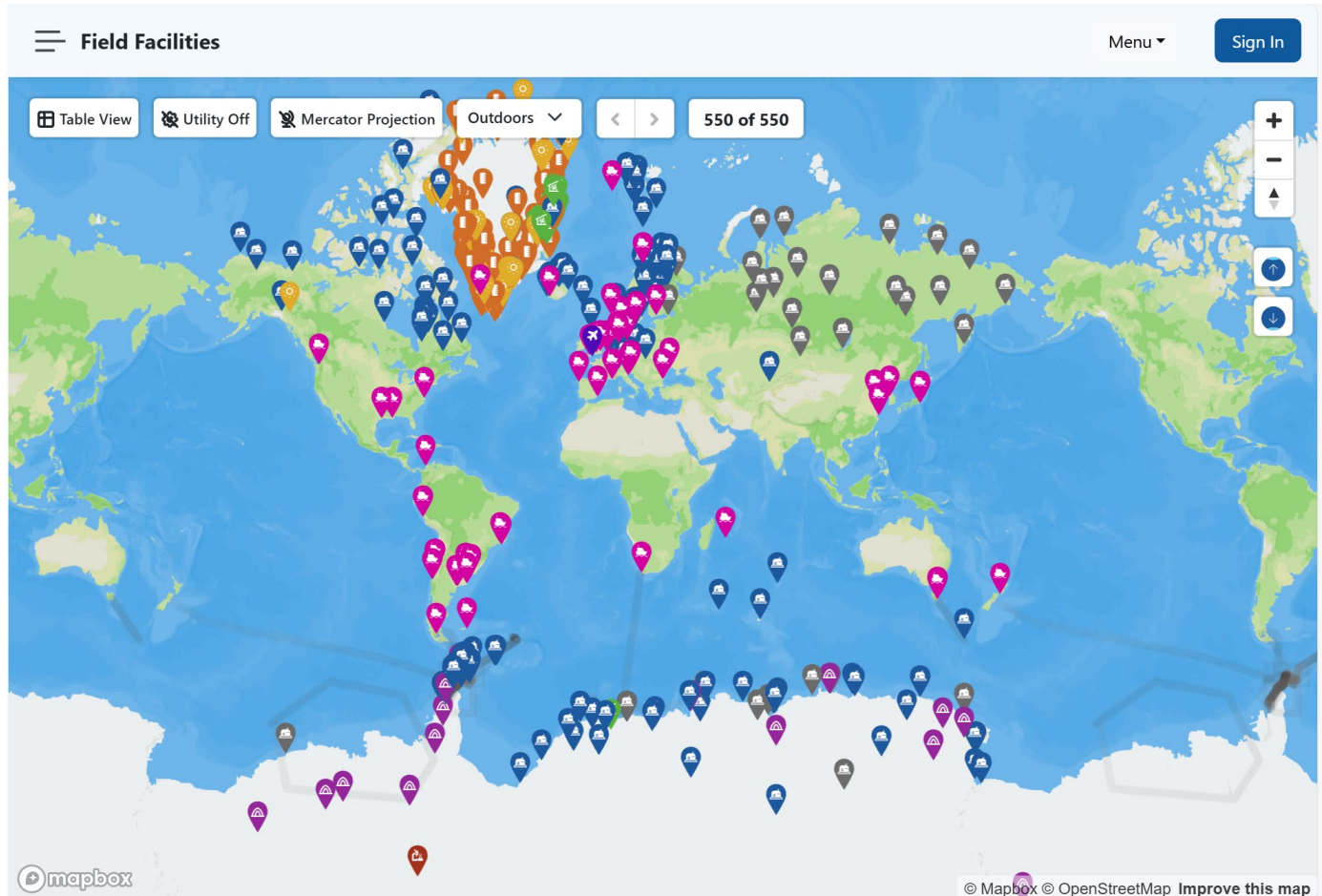
Any Operator

Type

Any Type

Operational Period

Any Operational Period



Polardex has been developed by the EPB through the EPB's Action Group on Infrastructure, in close cooperation in close collaboration with, and data provision by, SOOS, SIOS, INTERACT, IAATO, EU-PolarNet 2, COMNAP, Isaffik, ARICE, EUROFLEETS, AWI and BAS.



EPB and EU projects

Participation in EU funded Projects & EU Polar Cluster

Active

Arctic Passion

OCEAN:ICE

POLARIN

SO-SHIC

EU Polar Cluster *(coordination)*

Ended

ARICE

Arctic ECRA

EUROFLEETS 2

INTERACT

PA-EUAIC

POLARNET2





European Polar Coordination Office

- builds on the results of the two successful EU PolarNet projects



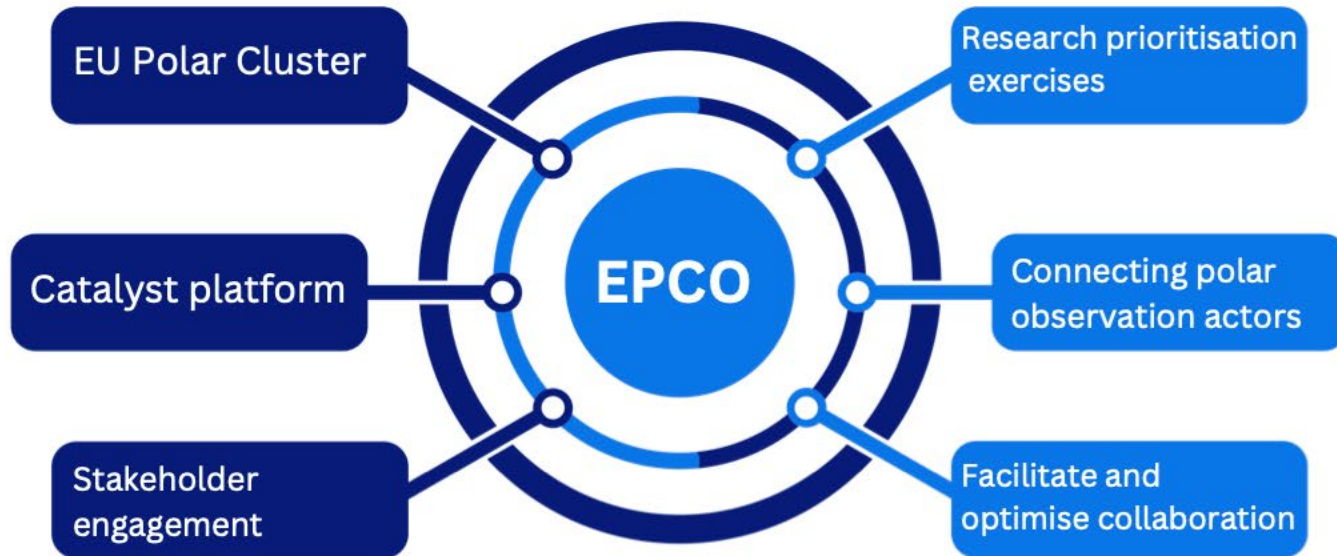


European Polar Coordination Office

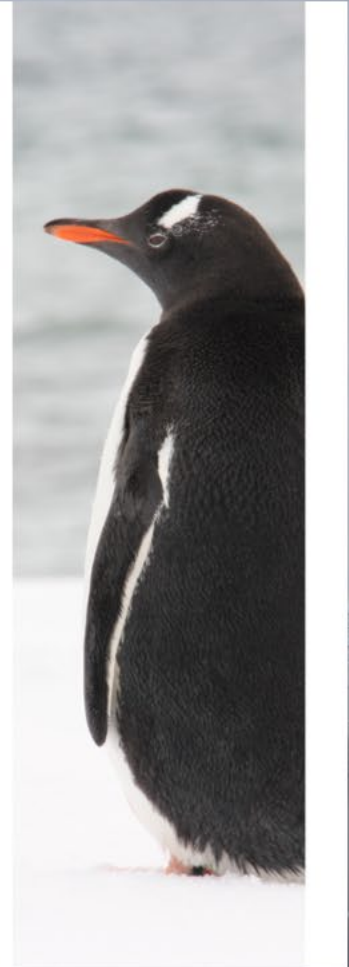
- builds on the results of the two successful EU PolarNet projects
- functions as a central contact point for the European polar research community, policymakers & decision-makers, including the European Commission



THE EUROPEAN POLAR COORDINATION OFFICE



 **EU-PolarNet Legacy**



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