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European Polar Board (EPB)- Mission



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



European Polar Board (EPB) - Vision



Unified yet diverse European Polar Research Voice where Members can still see their priorities reflected within the collective effort.

Policy-Science interface: Make science relevant to society and show to the society the relevance of science



2025: 30 Years of EPB



Prof Peter Sköld
EPB Chair

*30 years
of the
European Polar Board*

*Statement from the EPB Chair
Professor Peter Sköld*



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2026: EPB Membership



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*IPEV will stay engaged in
EPB activities via CNRS.*

2026: EPB Membership



**Dr. Camilla Brekke, NPI director
EPB representative**



**Alternate Representative
Dr. Nalân Koç**



“The Norwegian Polar Institute has long been engaged in the European Polar Board through the Research Council of Norway, and becoming a full member marks an important new chapter for us.”

At a time when international cooperation is essential to understanding rapid change in the Arctic and Antarctic, the EPB serves as a vital platform for coordination and collaboration, bringing together key national priorities at the European level while strengthening collective action around access to polar research infrastructures and scientific ambitions.”



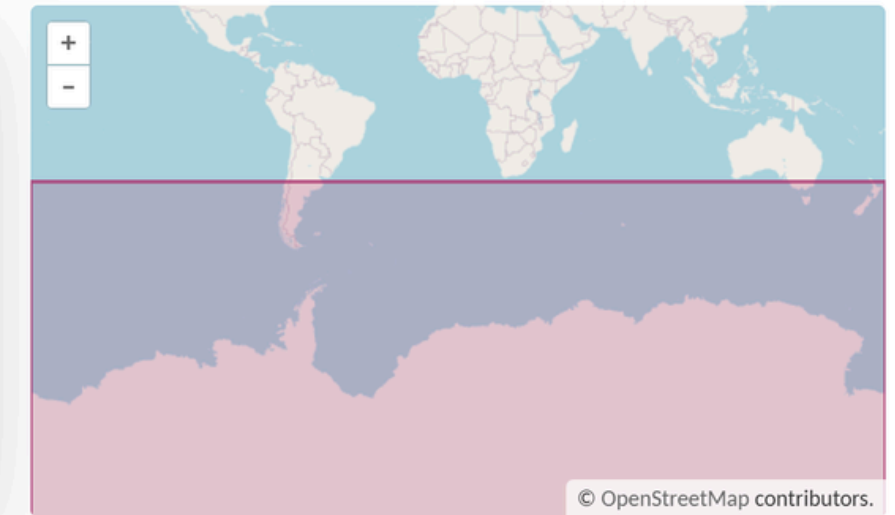


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Polardex Interactive Polar Infrastructure Database



Polardex is a tool for polar scientists and planners. The platform lists key polar infrastructures in both the Arctic and the Antarctic, enabling logistics discovery and enhanced planning opportunities. 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, Isaaffik, ARICE, EUROFLEETS, AWI and BAS. The Polardex platform was developed by Blue Lobster IT Ltd.



Abbreviation	Polardex
Website	polardex.org

Upcoming developments supported by the SYNCHRONY project



What is EPCO?

- Legacy outcome of EU-PolarNet projects- the largest polar research coordination projects to date:
 - Developed several essential tools to strengthen European Polar Research coordination
- EPCO aims to enhance collaboration, communication, and synergy between EU-funded polar projects and policy
- Established in January 2025
- EPCO acts as a central contact point between the European polar research community and European policy and decision makers, such as the European Commission



EPB – Future of Polar Research



EPB's open call to secure Europe's leadership in Polar Research by targeted investments in FP10

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Once perceived as remote, the Arctic and Antarctica are now recognised as global drivers of change, actively reshaping Europe's climate, biodiversity, economy, security, culture, and the daily lives of its citizens.

As the European Union enters a decisive phase in shaping its next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034 and Framework Programme 10 (FP10), we, members of the European research community, call for the establishment of a targeted, long-term funding instrument dedicated to Polar Research for 2028- 2034.

Prepared by the European Polar Board, a collaborative network uniting 31 organizations from 22 countries across Europe to foster collaboration and act as the point of contact for the European polar research community worldwide, this call speaks with one voice: **Europe must sustain and strengthen its leadership in polar science.**

The Arctic and Antarctica are global driving forces of change, shaping Europe's climate, including



> 900 signatures

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Letter to MEPs, EC, Prime Ministers, other decision makers

EPB Calls on EU Leaders to Secure Long-Term Polar Research Funding

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As the European Union begins shaping its next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF 2028–2034) and Framework Programme 10 (FP10), the European Polar Board (EPB) has released a letter and a supporting three-page information document directed at key European decision-makers. The letter and briefing highlight the importance of sustained and dedicated EU funding for polar research. Continued support will allow the EU to maintain its leadership in discovery and respond to the evolving challenges of a changing world, confidently, collaboratively, and with foresight.

The letter, addressed to Members of the European Parliament, Members of the European Commission, Prime Ministers and Governmental Representatives of the EU Member States builds on EPB's recently [open call](#) already supported by over 750 research professionals. The accompanying three-page information document provide examples of existing contributions of EU-funded Polar Research to EU priorities and strategies. Looking at the future, the document identifies four priority research areas essential for Europe over the next decade and emphasizes how a dedicated funding instrument for Polar Research will help EU to maintain its leadership in polar governance and ensure Europe stays prepared, competitive, and adaptive in a rapidly changing world.



Second EPB letter to European and EU Decision Makers



EPB issues New Statement on the MFF and FP10: A Call for Strategic Investment in European Polar Research

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The European Polar Board (EPB) has [released a new statement](#) on the ongoing negotiations for the 2028–2034 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and Framework Programme 10 (FP10).

Representing 31 member organizations from 22 countries, the EPB highlights the strategic importance and EU-wide benefits of sustained investment in European polar research.

Building on actions earlier this year, including the [open call](#) for targeted polar research investments in FP10, supported by over [900 professionals](#), and a [letter sent to EU leaders in June](#), the new statement outlines how investments in polar research support EU policies and priorities such as the Arctic Policy, the Ocean Pact, Copernicus, Destination Earth, and the Digital Twins of Earth and Ocean.





EPB's Contribution to the EC Call for Evidence on the EU Arctic Policy Update:

“A Climate-Centred, Science-Based Approach for Knowledge Security and Societal Resilience.”

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EPB's Input to the EC Call for Evidence on the Ocean Observation Initiative:

Polar observations strengthening Europe's ocean observing system across a connected Ocean



EPB's Input to the EC Call for Evidence on the Ocean Act:

No effective European ocean governance without the polar dimension

