

Netherlands Polar Programma

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Arctic Science Summit Week, Boulder, CO



Arctic NL-AWI call 2024

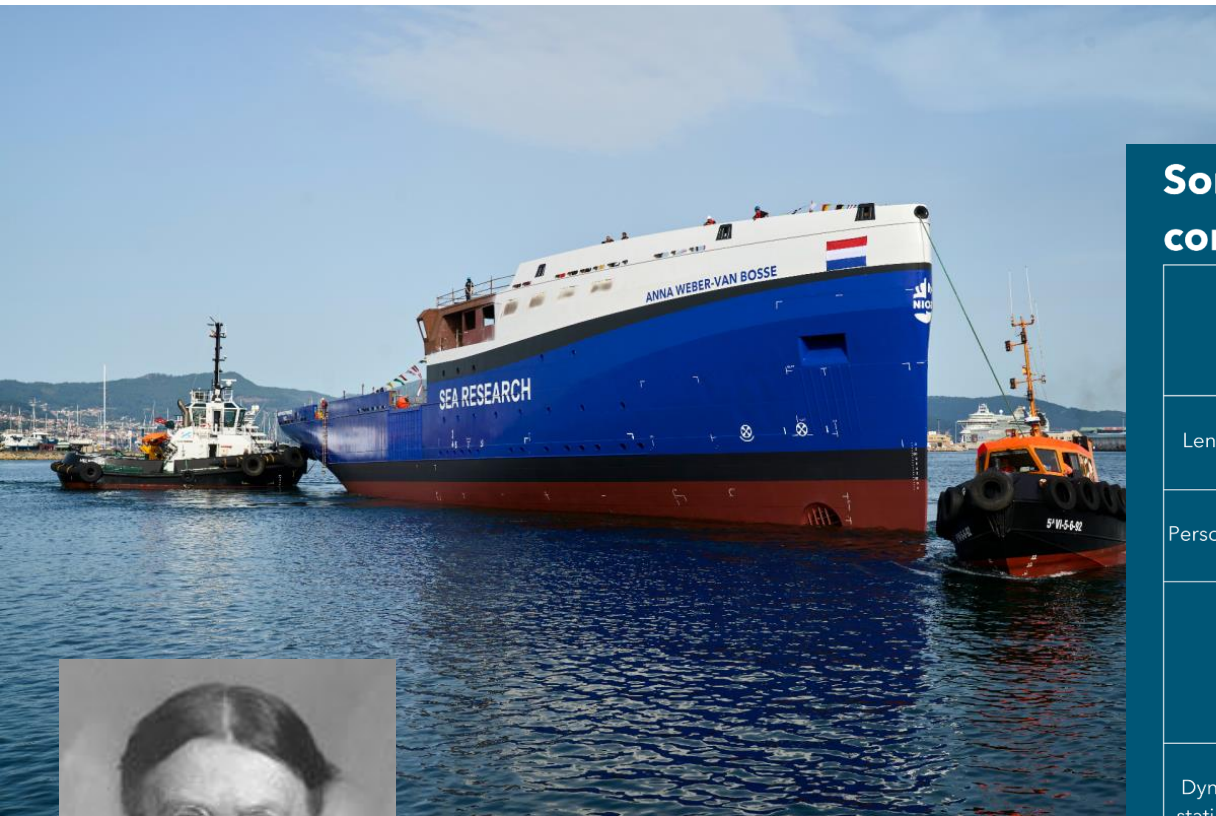
- Collaboration with Alfred Wegener Institute
- Arctic focus
- Million € 4,5
- Decisions before summer 2025
- Special opportunities for Early-Career Scientists
- Three consortia grants and three ECR-led grants to be funded



Netherlands Research Agenda Tri-Polar call 2025

- Interlinks impacts Climate Change, Pollutions, Biodiversity Change on polar regions
- In collaboration with Dutch Research Agenda, instigated by funding ministries
- Local impact and collaboration with local stakeholders
- Synergy approach, working towards one integrated programme
- Million € 10 programme

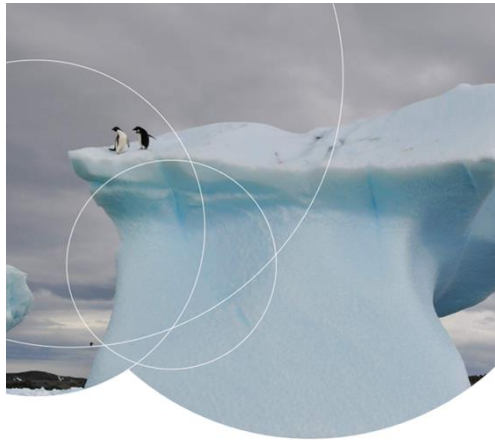
RV Anna Weber-van Bosse (sailing early 2026)



Some key features of the RV Anna Weber-van Bosse compared to its predecessor RV Pelagia

Description	RV Anna Weber-van Bosse	RV Pelagia
Length/Breadth/Depth in metres	79/16/5	66/12.8/4.2
Persons on Board (crew / scientists)	47 (16 crew /31 scientists)	25 (13 crew /12 scientists)
Anti-roll system	Anti-roll system is a stabilization mechanism designed to reduce the vessel's rolling motion caused by waves and wind. A stable platform for conducting scientific work, particularly when handling sensitive instruments, deploying equipment, or collecting samples.	Not available
Dynamic Positioning: Automated station keeping during operations	Dynamic Positioning 2, with added failure safety allowing to work near windmills.	Not available
Drop keel	A retractable keel designed to be lowered and raised vertically through the hull of the ship. Enhances scientific research capabilities, especially in challenging marine environments where bubbles near the ships' hull might otherwise obstruct observations.	Not available
Sea area	A1-A4: equipped to handle all maritime regions, including polar waters, suitable for global operations without geographical restrictions.	A1-A3: operates in coastal, offshore, and most oceanic regions covered by satellite and medium-range radio but not equipped for high-latitude polar regions.

Renewal NL Polar Policy and Science strategies (2026-2030)



Pole Position-NL 3.0
Strategy for the Netherlands Polar Programme
2021-2025



Planned calls Netherlands Polar Programme (2026 and beyond)

- InSync call, opening expected 1st half 2026
- Arctic Cruise with Anna Weber-van Bosse call, opening expected 2nd half 2026



Save the Date

NL Polar Day 2025

The NL Polar Day brings together scientists, policy makers, and other professionals engaged in activities in Antarctica and the Arctic. The event will include keynotes, discussions, and networking opportunities.



In collaboration with the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



8 APR 2025

9:30 - 18:00

Mariënhof, Amersfoort

Chaired by Peter Kuipers Munneke

More information will be shared in early 2025. If you have an idea for a topic, discussion or workshop, please contact the organisers via nlpolarday@nwo.nl

