

## Towards a knowledge-based EU Arctic Policy – The role of research on history, culture and society

Online workshop on the need for SSH-research to promote EU's Arctic Policy  
Wednesday 4 November 2020, 13:00-15:00

The Network for the Promotion of the Social Sciences and Humanities Perspectives on Horizon Europe (NOSSH) invites SSH researchers with expertise on, or interests in Arctic matters to take part in an online workshop to produce a response to the European Commission's public consultation on its future Arctic Policy. The consultation will give input about the role of EU in Arctic affairs, revise the priorities of the current policy, and identify new policy areas to be developed.

The workshop will connect the need for Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) research to the policy development process and underscore the importance of SSH for the policy success. The outcome of the workshop will be communicated to the European Commission and the European External Action Service.

### Programme

#### I. Plenary session (50 minutes)

- EU Ambassador at Large to the Arctic, Michael Mann, presents the current EU Arctic Policy and shares his understanding of the challenges that need to be addressed in a revised Arctic Policy
  - Q&A
- Executive Director of Arctic Frontiers, Anu Fredrikson, shares her hope for a revised EU Arctic Policy, and the importance of SSH-research in this respect.
  - Q&A

#### Short break

#### II. Breakout sessions (50 minutes)

- Climate Change and Safeguarding the Arctic Environment
- Sustainable Development in and around the Arctic
- International Cooperation on Arctic Issues

#### III. Plenary session (15 minutes)

- Summing up and the way forward: A document will be prepared and sent to the European Commission and the European External Action Service by 10 November 2020.

Participants registered for the breakout sessions will receive a document describing the issues to be discussed. The issues will cover questions from the survey the EU Commission uses for the consultation.

### Registration

<https://nettskjema.no/a/164827> - registration deadline 16 October.

Background documents:

- EU Arctic Policy: [https://eeas.europa.eu/arctic-policy/eu-arctic-policy\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/arctic-policy/eu-arctic-policy_en)
- Arctic Policy: EU opens consultation on the future approach: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_20\\_1318](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1318)

The EU Arctic Policy consultation survey:

*The NOSSH-network strongly encourages the individual participants to also log on to the consultation and answer the survey: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12523-EU-Arctic-Policy>. This will strengthen the impact of our effort.*

Information about NOSSH:

- <https://www.ntnu.edu/su/nossh>