



An Ocean of Opportunity:
An integrated maritime policy for the EU



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the EU and the Arctic

- Strong Links
 - ★ history, geography, economy, science
- EU policies
 - ★ on environment, climate change, energy, research, transport and fisheries have a direct bearing on the Arctic
- Climate Change
 - ★ more human activity
 - ★ altering the geo-strategic dynamics of the Arctic



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- first layer of the EU Arctic Policy
- almost 50 actions
 - ★ PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE ARCTIC IN UNISON WITH ITS POPULATION
 - ★ PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES
 - ★ CONTRIBUTING TO ENHANCED ARCTIC MULTILATERAL GOVERNANCE
- Swedish Presidency preparing a response



protecting and preserving the Arctic in
unison with its population



- **Commission Communication on approach for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions**
 - ★ preparation for COP15
- **More research and studies**
 - ★ study on 'Arctic footprint and policy assessment'
 - ★ quantification of climate change impacts on economic sectors in the Arctic (€11 million)
- **Better observation – research infrastructure**
 - ★ deep sea moorings off Southern Greenland and Norwegian coast
 - ★ planning for deep-sea observatories at 3 sites
- **Promotion of ecosystem based management**
 - ★ Communication "Roadmap on Maritime Spatial Planning"
- **Bilateral meetings with indigenous peoples**



promoting sustainable use of resources

- better surveillance of Arctic transport
 - ★ Communication on maritime surveillance October 14 2009
 - ★ Assessment of emerging space systems
 - ~ satellites to pick up signals from ships' Automatic Identification Systems
- consistent rules for safe Arctic transport
 - ★ studies on national and international legal regime
 - ★ role in International Maritime Organisation to promote the full implementation of existing obligations



contributing to enhanced arctic
multilateral governance

- active Commission presence in multilateral fora
 - ★ Northern Dimension Partnership, Arctic Council, UNCLOS etc.
- bilateral meetings
 - ★ with Greenland officials
- increased dialogue with stakeholders
- Arctic web-site showing Commission activities



Challenges



- Observer status in the Arctic Council
- Further expand cooperation areas with Greenland
- More structured dialogue with indigenous peoples
- Dialogue with regional organizations on sustainable fisheries in the Arctic
- Contribution to Search and Rescue improvement via the Arctic Council
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