



**EUROPEAN  
POLAR BOARD**

**Autumn Plenary Meeting  
22-23 November 2022  
in Luxembourg**

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The EPB implements its [Strategy 2017-2022](#) through various Action Groups.

## Action Group on International Cooperation

Action Group members: C Krieger (Chair) N Biebow, H Burgess, M Vancauwenberghe, V Vitale

## Action Group on Infrastructure

Action Group members: M Ojeda (Chair), P Głowacki, D Mateev, A Quesada, H Savela, J Sorribas, M Vancauwenberghe, G Vieira, V Vitale

## Action Group on Environmental Impacts of Polar Research and Logistics

Action Group members: J Jania, E Topp-Jørgensen, K Jones-Williams, A Yilmaz

## Policy Advisory Group

Action Group members: N Koç (Deputy Chair), V Vitale (Deputy Chair), N Biebow, J Chappellaz, F Dichmann, J Francis, P Huybrechts, ET Níelsson, A Quesada, G Vieira



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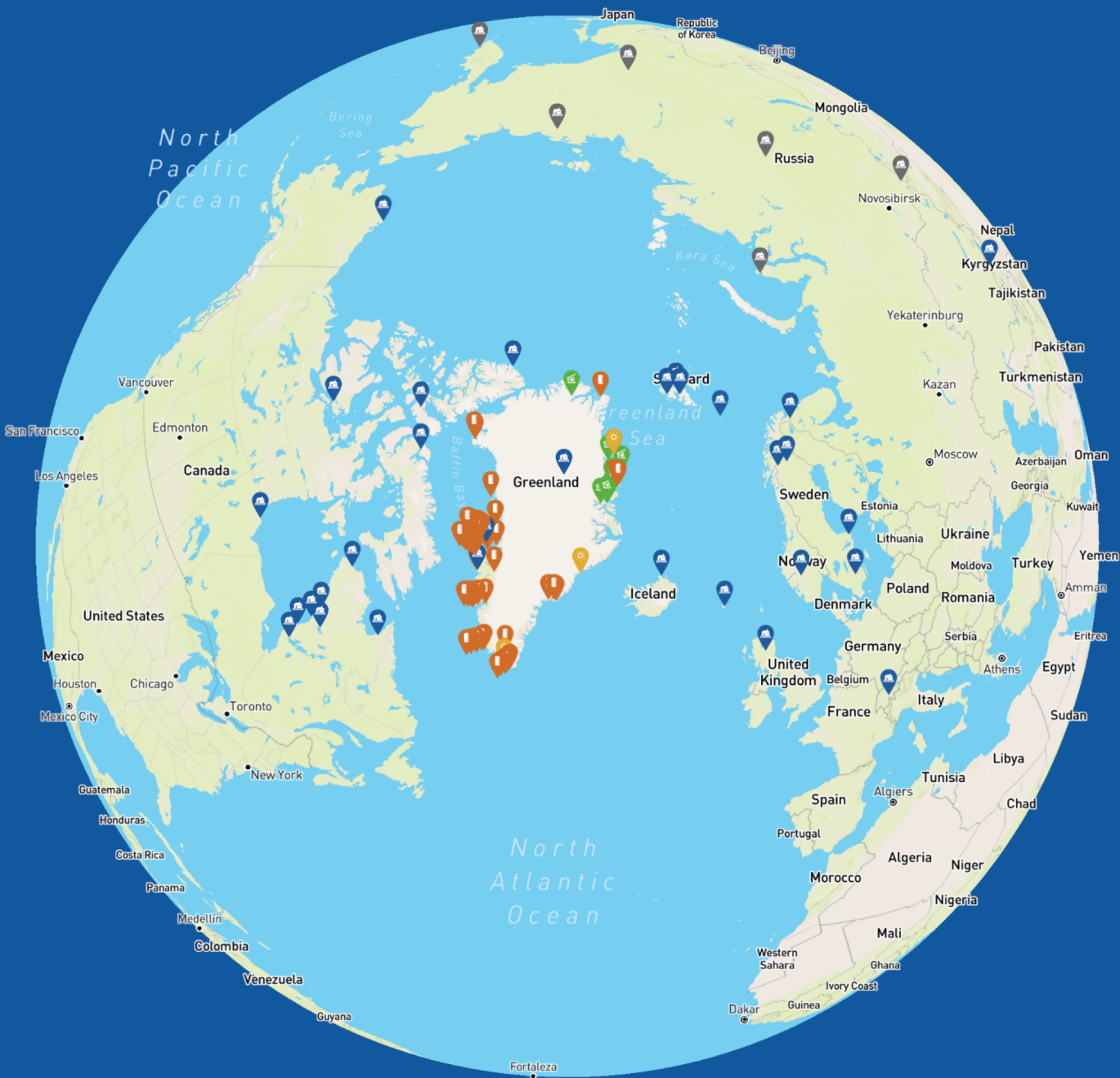
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## Autumn 2022 Plenary Meeting – Agenda (DRAFT)

22-23 Nov 2022

Day 1 – 9:00 CEST, 22 Nov 2022

Item #	Item	Presenter	Doc. #
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Formal opening issues</b>		
1.1	Welcome and round of introductions Apologies: Guests:	Chair	
1.2	Meeting procedure (Hybrid)		1.2a
1.3	Adoption of agenda (including any requests from Members)	Chair	1.3a
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>EPB Internal Updates (Closed)</b>		
2.1	Secretariat update and Action List	Executive Secretary	2.1a 2.1b
2.2	EPB Finances – Budget and Audit results	P Elshout	2.2a-d
2.3	Executive Committee update	Chair	2.3a
2.4	EXCOM Elections by-law update	Chair	2.4a
2.5	Communications update and Communications Officer position	E Horovčáková	2.5a
<i>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break</i>			
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>EPB Strategic Planning (Closed)</b>		
3.1	EPB Strategy 2023-2027	Executive Secretary	3.1a
3.2	European Polar Coordination Office (EPCO)	N Biebow / G Couser / Executive Secretary	3.2a
3.3	Process for Secretariat hosting from January 2025 (to be started in Autumn 2022)	Chair / Executive Secretary	3.3a

<i>12:30 – 13:30 Lunch</i>			
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Action Group updates (Open)</b>		
4.1	Action Group on Infrastructure, Polardex	M Ojeda / G Couser	4.1a
4.2	Action Group on International Cooperation	C Krieger / Exec Sec	4.2a
4.3	Action Group on Environmental Impacts of Polar Research and Logistics	P Elshout	4.3a
4.4	Policy Advisory Group	N Koç / V Vitale	4.4a
<i>15:00 – 15:30 Tea break</i>			
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>Closing issues – Day 1 (Open)</b>		
5.2	End of Day 1	Chair	

Day 2 – 9:00 CEST, Wednesday 23 Nov 2022

	Announcement of received EXCOM nominations		
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>External Activities and Partnerships (Open)</b>		
6.1	Work with ESA (EPB-ESA MoU, ESA Polar Science Cluster)	Chair	
6.2	Update on EPB – AFoPS workshop	Executive Secretary	
6.3	EU Polar Cluster	A Strobel	6.3a
6.4	Other international initiatives (UNFCCC Observer application, Arctic Science Ministerial 4, International Polar Year, ICARP 4, Southern Ocean Decade)	Executive Secretary	6.4a
<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Projects updates (Open)</b>		7a
7.1	EU-PolarNet 2	N Biebow / Executive Secretary	
7.2	Arctic PASSION	M Karcher	

<i>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break</i>			
7.3	SO-CHIC	[JB Sallée]	
7.4	INTERACT III	M Johansson	
7.5	CHOICEe	[A Chouker]	
7.6	AANCHOR	N Biebow / Executive Secretary	
7.7	OCEAN:ICE	Executive Secretary / G Couser	
7.8	Participation as Stakeholder (AntarcticSalinity, Just North, SpacEAXes, POLDER)	Executive Secretary	
<b>Item 8</b>	<b>Closing issues (Open)</b>		
8.1	EXCOM Elections	Secretariat	
8.2	Future Plenary Meetings	Executive Secretary	
8.3	Any other business	Chair	

End of Plenary Meeting – 12:30 CEST



## **Title: European Polar Coordination Office (EPCO)**

### **Authors: Secretariat**

**Introduction/ Background:** The European Polar Coordination Office (EPCO) is a deliverable from the EU-PolarNet 2 project. The EPCO is an entity that will be established following the end of the EU-PolarNet 2 project in order to sustain its legacy and implement the tools developed in the project. The EPCO will also provide a direct line of communication to the European Commission. During the joint EPB-EU-PolarNet 2 meeting held alongside the Autumn 2021 Plenary Meeting, it was decided unanimously by a vote to indicate participants opinion that the EPCO should be integrated within the EPB. The report from this joint EPB-EU-PolarNet 2 meeting is available on the Members' area of the EPB website.

As work on the EPCO's design advances aspects such as its financing model, relationship with the EPB and relationship with the European Commission gradually clarify. The implementation of the EPCO will include several additional planning documents within the EU-PolarNet 2 project. Some of these Deliverables are given below:



## **Title: 2025-2029 Secretariat hosting call**

### **Authors: Executive Secretary**

**Introduction/ Background:** The EPB Secretariat is hosted by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) in The Hague, The Netherlands until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Secretariat hosting agreement with NWO was initially for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, with NWO and the EPB agreeing in 2018 to continue hosting for a second 5-year period beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Hosting of the EPB Secretariat has thus followed a 5-year cycle. Office space, equipment, and a range of services are provided by the host organisation, at no cost to the EPB, for a term of 5 years. This term can be renewed for another 5 years after a positive evaluation and agreement by both the host and the EPB Plenary.