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ON AN INTEGRATED EU POLICY FOR THE ARCTIC
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A new integrated EU policy for the Arctic adopted

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The High Representative and the European Commission set out an integrated response to the challenges of the Arctic.

The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European Commission have today adopted a policy proposal that will guide the actions of the European Union in the Arctic region. The European Union will step up its existing action and engagement in the region with 39 actions focussing on climate change, environmental protection, sustainable development and international cooperation. The particular importance of research, science and innovation is reflected across these priority areas.
Alarmist Representation of Polar Amplification
Monthly Global (Red) vs Arctic (Blue) Temperature Anomalies
Smoothed with 84-Month Filter
SEa Ice Loss

Jan 1990 - Jan 2015
Arctic Sea Ice: Record Low Maximum

Area of Ocean with at Least 15% Ice.
Source: National Snow and Ice Data Center
Thawing of Arctic Permafrost
The ice has been receding by 10% every ten years.

Winter ice this year is 1 million square kilometres less extensive than the average.

EU emissions targets:
- 1990: [percentage bar]
- 2030: [percentage bar] -40%
- 2050: [percentage bar] -80%
€200 M. since 2002 for research projects in the Arctic

- Environment
- Health
- Sea mining and fisheries

The Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance

one of the biggest contributors

22 EU research institutes

EU-PolarNet
The Arctic package in H2020

Call 'Blue growth'

BG-09-2016: An integrated Arctic observing system (15 million EUR)

BG-10-2016: Impact of Arctic changes on the weather and climate of the Northern Hemisphere (15 million EUR)

BG-11-2017: The effect of climate change on Arctic permafrost and its socio-economic impact, with a focus on coastal areas (10 million EUR)
Opportunities for EU investors and businesses

European Fund for Regional Development
€1 Bn. for Sweden and Finland

4 million inhabitants in the Arctic

Sustainability

Development

Tourism

Sustainable marine growth

Green growth

Education

Infrastructure

Research
International scientific cooperation
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