

WORKPLAN – OSCE PA SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON ARCTIC ISSUES
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A. Key points and priorities in the implementation of the mandate

- Raising awareness within the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on current dynamics in the Arctic region, including:
 - The severe effects of the climate crisis on Arctic society and the importance of the Arctic in understanding and addressing global climate change;
 - Specific challenges affecting Arctic population, including Arctic indigenous communities and their political representation;
 - The evolving economic, security and geo-political dynamics in the regions.
- Maintaining contacts and establishing partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including OSCE executive structures and Arctic organizations, aimed at providing a distinct parliamentary support to Arctic cooperation.
- Offering to Arctic organizations (with specific expertise but limited reach out) the wider reach out of the OSCE PA.
- Making use of the topic of Arctic environmental security and of the Arctic cooperation model as a confidence building topic within the OSCE PA.
- Providing policy recommendations to the OSCE PA and Parliamentarians.
- Media messaging aimed at raising awareness on Arctic developments.

B. Implemented Activities

- Participation in the 2021 Arctic Circle Conference, Reykjavik, 14-17 October 2021
 - Bilateral Meeting with the EU Special Envoy on the Arctic
 - Bilateral Meeting with a Representative of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians

C. Planned Activities

- Meeting with the Arctic Council 2021-22 Chairmanship, date TBC
- Meeting with Representatives of the Saami Council
- Meeting with the OSCE HCNM concerning Arctic Indigenous Communities (TBC) and possible joint initiatives (TBC)
- Organization and chairing of a meeting with OSCE PA Arctic delegations, Vienna, Feb. 2022
- Sponsoring of an OSCE PA draft resolution on the Arctic, Birmingham, July 2022

- Participation in relevant experts' conferences and events, as applicable
- Regular reporting to the OSCE PA Standing Committee and Bureau

ANNEX

Final report of the previous Special Representative, Ms. Torill Eidsheim:

<https://www.oscepa.org/en/documents/special-representatives/arctic-issues/report-24/4262-final-report-of-special-representative-on-arctic-issues-torill-eidsheim-30-september-2021/file>