

INTERACT Future





Long Term sustainability

INTERACT operates in an area of the World which is experiencing the most rapid environmental and sociological changes that have far-reaching implications of global concern.

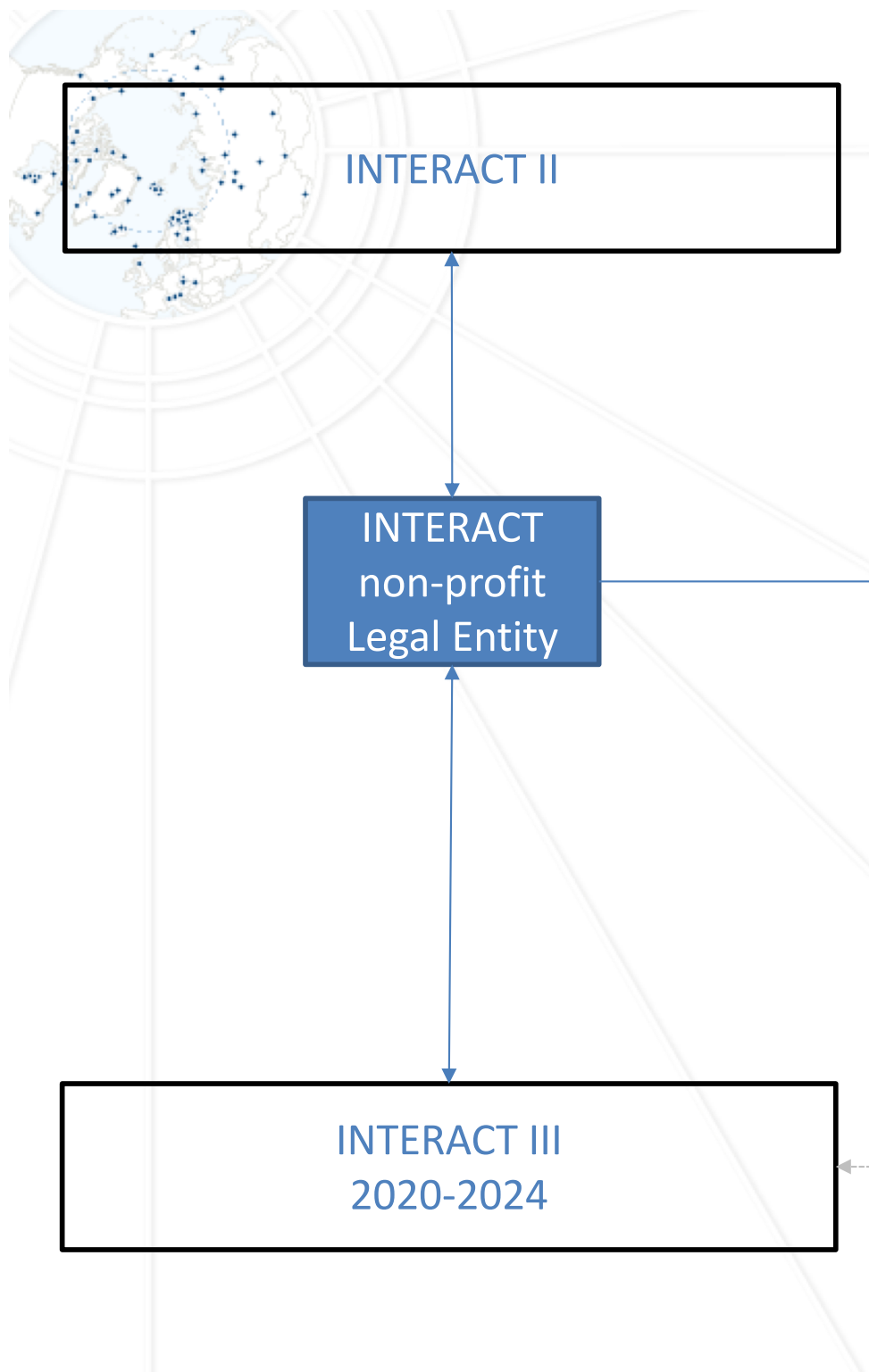
INTERACT is a time limited project: long-term funding is uncertain.

The long-term function of the infrastructure is critical as the processes underpinning environmental change in the North need to be interpreted in a long-term context and future observations are essential because of the rapid rate of unpredictable change.



Long Term sustainability

We therefore seek a way in which INTERACT can continue to play a major global role based on new funding sources.



YES

New EU
funds ?

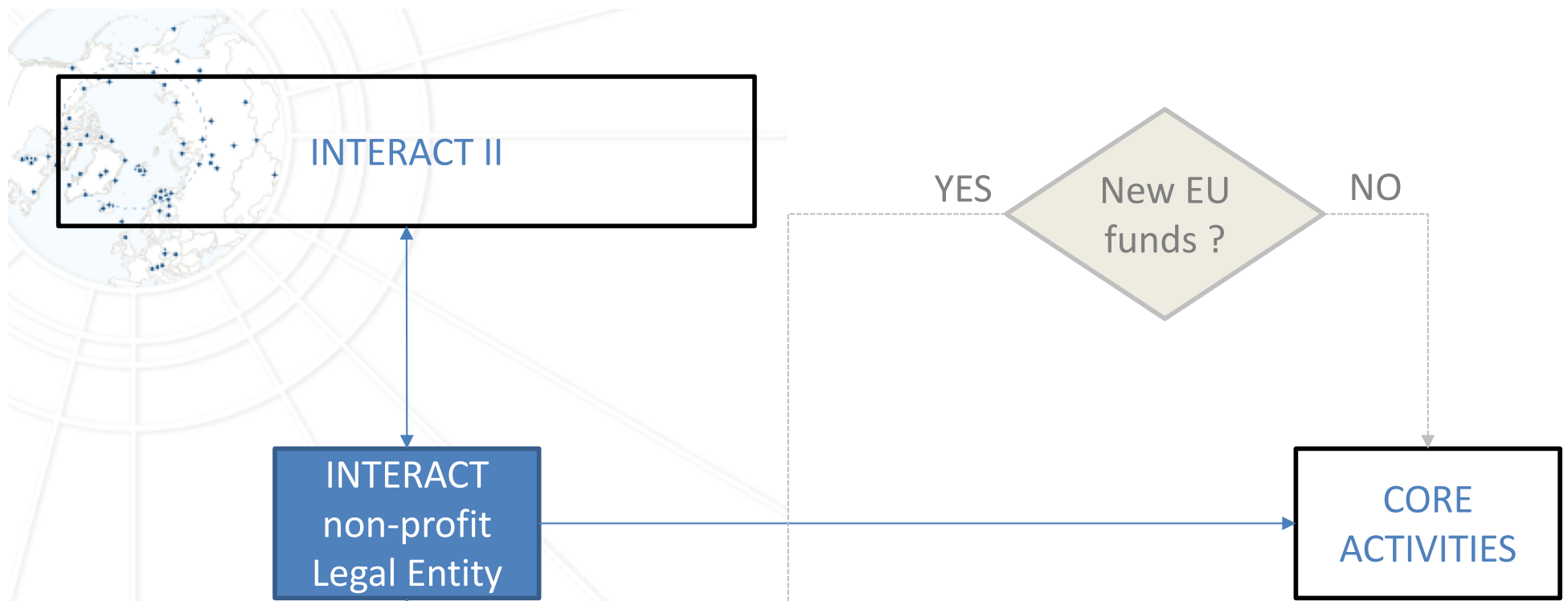
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INTERACT II

INTERACT
non-profit
Legal Entity

INTERACT III
2020-2024

CORE
ACTIVITIES



Core Activities:

- 1) Project Management (admin, website, fund raising)

- 2) Networking (key contact, outreach)

- 3) SMF (1 meeting/year)

- 4) TA (Access management)





INTERACT Foundation

At the annual meeting in Svalbard the General Assembly decided that the INTERACT project should establish a non-profit organization.



INTERACT Foundation: progress since last annual meeting

- Consultation with members of the Advisory Board committee
- Consultation with lawyer
- Financial analysis based on past costs




INTERACT Foundation

Foundation? Association? Consortium?

“Non-profit Legal Entity”

The appropriate “vehicle” should be defined after we decide:

- In what country (jurisdiction) we’ll establish it.
- Which kind of interactions between members/partners/shareholder
- Decisional bodies
- Taxation elements to the decision (both taxation of donations receipt and deductibility to the donors)
- Are there political concerns that should be considered?
- Other..



Upcoming EU call: INFRAIA-01-2019

TOPIC : Integrating Activities for Advanced Communities

Topic identifier: INFRAIA-01-2018-2019
Publication date: 27 October 2017

Types of action: RIA Research and Innovation action
DeadlineModel: single-stage
Planned opening date: 05 December 2017

Deadline: 22 March 2018 17:00:00


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DeadlineModel: single-stage
Planned opening date: 14 November 2018

Deadline: 20 March 2019 17:00:00

Time Zone : (Brussels time)

Approximate budget: 10 million EUR

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/infraia-01-2018-2019.html>



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MANDATEs ?!



EU call: one of 20 topics is...

Research infrastructures for terrestrial research in the Arctic.

As an international network for terrestrial research and monitoring in the Arctic, this activity should further integrate and open key research stations and large research field sites throughout the circumpolar Arctic and adjacent northern countries, to provide capacity for research, monitoring and education. The project should include work on best practises for managing stations, and (international) logistics and establish links with relevant ESFRI infrastructures.

When appropriate, proposals addressing areas under this domain (Environmental and Earth Sciences) are encouraged to develop synergies with Copernicus data and information as well as with relevant global initiatives such as GEO/GEOSS and ILTER.



EU call: Topic for discussion

1. *Joint Research Activities with industrial involvement*
2. *Content of the Station Manager Forum*
3. *Transnational Access (TA/RA/VA)*
4. *Data Management*
5. ...