WP 9 – The Arctic Resort

Increasing benefits and reducing impacts from developing Arctic tourism
Aim of the WP 9

1. work with the tourist industry and local and Indigenous Peoples
2. supporting the local and Indigenous communities
3. developing the Arctic in a sustainable way.
Partners involved in the WP

Labba siida (JNL)
Sámi community

The Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO)
Labba siida—Who are we?

- long experience of research collaboration
- family based reindeer herding
- traditional Sámi knowledge
- 15+ reindeer herding family businesses
- 3 Sámi tourism businesses
Labba siida (JNL)

Övre Sopperø
Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators – Who are we?

• ensure environmentally friendly, responsible and safe cruise tourism in the Arctic
• advocate for the expedition cruise industry and AECO’s members’ interests
• 70+ international members and represents the majority of the industry
• AECO’s guidelines are the backbone of the association
Tasks 9.1 Educating the tourists and tourist operators

**Task goals:**

a) generate greater awareness of the sensitivity of the Arctic to disturbance;  
b) value this unique environment; and  
c) ensure sustainable tourism.

**Potential project idea:**

- Develop guidelines for tourists visiting research stations  
  (further brainstorming at the Station Managers’ Forum)
Task 9.2 Reviewing existing tourism policies and regulations from an Indigenous and local Peoples’ perspective

Task goals:

a) gather and summarize existing policies and regulations concerning arctic nature-based tourism,
b) identify their purpose and if needed
c) suggest revisions based on the perspectives of local- and Indigenous People.
Politikern jämför turister med terrorister

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Polisanmälningarna kring händelsen under påsk, då sametingspolitikern Lars Jon Allas hamnade i konflikt med hundspann-turister, är under utredning. Samlingets styrelseordförande ser händelsen som beklaglig.

Det var under påsk som Lars Jon Allas polisanmäldes för olaga hot och försök till mishandel. Enligt ett turistföretag har han skramt hundspannsturister och hotat guiden med kniv.
Future deliverables

• recommendations for improving tourist policies and regulations
• interfacing education for tourism with station management,
• delivering real value
• press & media actions
Internal collaboration

- WP 2 Station Manager Forum
- WP 4 Impacts of Extreme weather
- WP 5 Communication barriers
- WP 7 Outreach