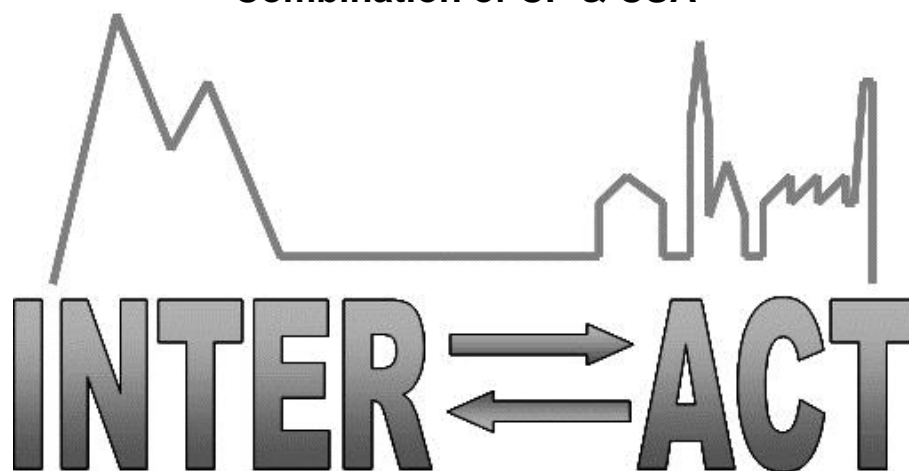


### Combination of CP & CSA



## D3.5 - “MoU with relevant international programmes”

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## 1. MoU with relevant organisations

### 1. Activity

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#### 1.1 Signed MoUs

MoUs have, up to the end of the second reporting period, been signed with:

- University of the Arctic (D8.1)
- International Study of Arctic Change (ISAC)
- The Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS): see extract below from a news item on INTERACT’s web site.

[< Spanish Team Conducts Research at CEN’s Whapmagoostui-Kuujuarapik Station, Canada](#) [INTERACT at GEO Week in Geneva >](#)

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### Cooperation Agreement between INTERACT and SIOS-PP

The INTERACT coordinating team and coordinator Terry Callaghan is very glad to have signed a letter of Cooperation Agreement with the coordinator of The Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System Preparatory Phase Project, SIOS-PP, Jon Børre Ørbæk. Both INTERACT and SIOS-PP are EU-funded infrastructure projects in the Arctic and INTERACT being a circum-arctic project including sites on Svalbard focusing only on the terrestrial part of the earth system, while SIOS-PP is a project looking at the entire earth system geographically focused on the Svalbard Archipelago. This makes a great foundation for the project to supplement each other. We are looking forward to a future of great interaction between the two projects.



INTERACT coordinator Terry Callaghan and SIOS coordinator Jon Børre Ørbæk signing the Cooperation Agreement between the two projects.

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#### 1.2 INTERACT involvement in major organisations

INTERACT is working task number 17 in the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) and contributes to SAON’s Arctic Observing Summit (an annual meeting). INTERACT is also a co-lead

on the cold regions and ecosystems activities of Group on Earth Observations (GEO) and was invited to be a “participating organisation” because of its important contribution to GEO.



*Terry Callaghan (INTERACT Coordinator) and Hannele Savela (INTERACT WP 4 Coordinator) explaining INTERACT to the European Commissioner for the Environment, Mr. Janez Potočnik at the GEO meeting in Geneva.*

### *1.3 INTERACT working with major organisations (e.g. co-hosting meetings, participating in INTERACT’s Scientific Advisory Board)*

INTERACT has strong links to major organisations through its International Scientific Advisory Board and also through jointly hosting workshops and meetings where the scientific implementation capability of INTERACT facilitates the research and monitoring agendas of other organisations, including EU Framework 7 programmes.

- Russian Academy of Sciences
- National Science Foundation, USA
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- European Polar Board (EPB)
- European Environmental Agency (EEA)
- International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)
- Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme (CBMP)
- Changing permafrost in the Arctic and its Global Effects in the 21st Century (PAGE21)

### *1.4 International Scientific Advisory Boards*

INTERACT participates in other organisations by representation on International Advisory Boards etc. Examples are Infrastructure for Analysis and Experimentation on Ecosystems (ANAEE), SIOS, Integrated Carbon Observing System (ICOS).

### *1.5 Partner Organisations in INTERACT*

*Partner Organisations representatives as partners in INTERACT include:*

- Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)
- World Wildlife Fund - Arctic (WWF-Arctic)

## **1.2 Implications**

INTERACT's impact has been spread through these varied and numerous international connections and the connections are growing.