

WP 5 – Connecting the Arctic: Transport and Communication



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Aim of WP 5: Connecting the Arctic: Transport and Communication

- Arctic research – reliant on crossborder cooperation
- Provide information to reduce barriers for exchange of people and scientific samples across national borders in the Arctic
- Identify bottlenecks for the free mobility of researchers, their samples and their data
- Recommendations on how implementation of the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation could be further developed
- Improve communication for local communities, research stations while introducing new smart instrumentation



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Task D5.1: Report on Significance of the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation for Research in the Arctic (Month 38)

Report will be based on information gathered in a survey of station managers and TA users (Subtask 2.2.1, APECS/AWI)

- M5.1: Policy briefing - Arctic
- M5.2: Policy briefing - Antarctic



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Task 5.2 (Iridium)

***Note:** for any questions, Harvey Hipperson will present elaborately about Iridium later this week.*

Reduce barriers of communicating among stations, local communities and the outside world

This task will work with the Station Managers' Forum to identify state-of-the-art communication systems for researchers, stations and local and Indigenous communities [M5.3]

Iridium has continued work to assess the satellite communications needs and requirements of the INTERACT III partners in Task 5.2. There are no specific deliverables associated with Task 5.2.



Progress WP2 (needed for WP5)

- Providing feedback and input for survey developed by APECS
- Assisting with conducting the survey at the Station Managers Forum (this week!)

Requirement from others:

- Filling in the surveys
- Sharing policy briefing events in polar networks, when the briefings are upcoming



Ways forward

- The EPB will provide a report on the Significance of the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation for Research in the Arctic based on the input gathered from the survey (conducted this week).
- The results of this report will be communicated via two policy briefings, one focused on the Arctic (M5.1) and one on the Antarctic (M5.2).