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Abstract:

A policy briefing and session was organised by INTERACT III and the European Polar Board focused on aligning Arctic research, infrastructures and access to ICARP IV priorities on the 21st of October during the Arctic Circle Assembly 2023 in Reykjavik. The session included a presentation by the European Polar Board's Project Officer on the report on the Agreement of Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation (the Agreement) (INTERACT D5.1), which was presented to the audience which included policy makers, representatives from industry sectors and scientists. The presentation informed attendees on the Agreement and the identified recommendations on improving access to- and from the Arctic region formulated in report D5.1. After the presentations, there was an interactive panel session with five panellists.

Details about the session:

INTERACT organised a session with European Polar Board on “Aligning Arctic Research, Infrastructures and Access to ICARP IV Priorities”, which took place on October 21 during the Arctic Circle Assembly 2023 in Reykjavik.

The session was chaired by INTERACT TA Coordinator Hannele Savela and included presentations from:

- Jennifer Mercer, NSF USA, *Opening Words by FARO – Forum of Arctic Research Operators*
- Gerlis Fugmann, IASC, *ICARP IV process and research infrastructures*
- Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Aarhus University, *INTERACT Network, INTERACT GIS and INTERACT Access Systems*
- Pjotr Elshout, European Polar Board, *European Polar Board – Transnational access, international scientific collaboration and the Arctic Science Agreement*
- Jan Rene Larsen, POAwg – *Facilitating information about research & monitoring assets in polar regions*

The presentations were followed by a panel discussion, where presenters were asked questions by the chair and the audience on the current ICARP IV process and on the impact of ICARP III.

