



# *The European Arctic Policy*

## *International Cooperation towards Sustainable Development*

Hosted by:

### **Christel Schaldemose MEP**

Chair of the “Arctic” Working Group of the EP Intergroup on  
“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”

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**08:00-09:00**

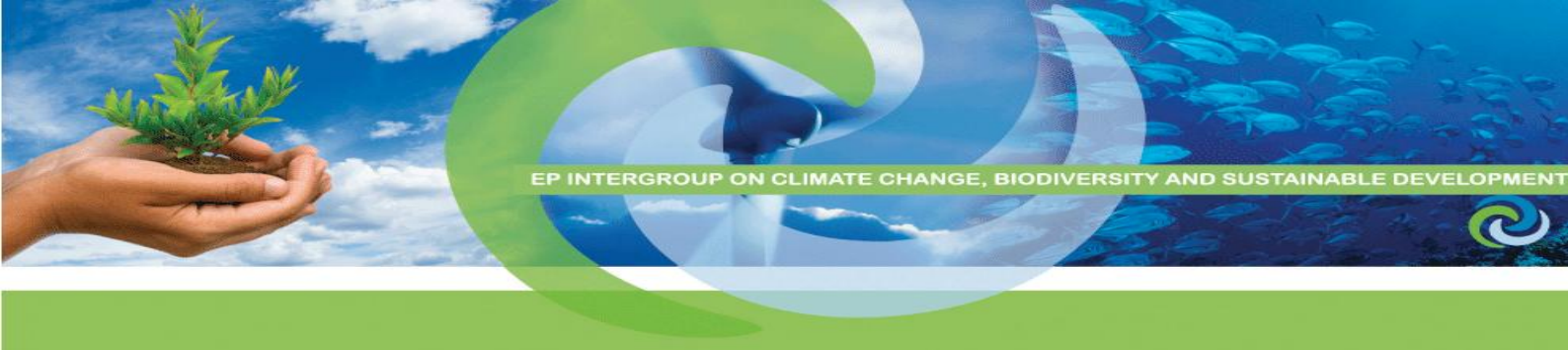
**Room A5G305**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

A new integrated EU policy for the Arctic was recently adopted by the High Representative and the European Commission setting out an integrated response to the challenges of the Arctic. The EU has an important role to play in supporting successful Arctic cooperation and helping to meet the challenges facing the region. The aim of the proposal is to guide and enhance existing actions and engagement of the EU in the Arctic, focusing on sustainable development, climate change, environmental protection, and international cooperation. The importance of research, science and innovation is also reflected across these priority areas.

In light of the new EU policy, and the Parliament’s on-going discussion of the broader European role in the Arctic, this meeting aims to bring together policy-makers, civil society, and all relevant representatives for an exchange of views, asking in particular how well the EU institutions really understand the needs and aspirations of the peoples and societies in the Arctic.



- 08:00-08:05 Welcoming words by the Chair **MEP Christel Schaldemose**
- 08:05-08:15 **Boris Iarochevitch, Head of Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service**
- 08:15-08:40 **Perspective of the arctic countries**
- **Greenland - Mininnguaq Kleist, Head of the Greenland Representation to the EU**
  - **Norway - Anniken Krutnes, Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs for Norway**
  - **Canada - Meghan Lau, Second Secretary, Mission of Canada to the EU**
  - **Iceland - Ragnar G. Kristjánsson, Deputy Head of Mission, Icelandic Mission to the EU**
  - **Faroe Islands - Kate Sanderson, Head of the Mission of the Faroes to the EU**
- 08:40-08:55 **Questions and discussion with the participants**
- 08:55-09:00 **Concluding remarks by the Chair MEP Christel Schaldemose**

