

EPPR

Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

ARCTIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

EPPR focuses on the prevention, preparedness and response to environmental emergencies, search and rescue, natural and manmade disasters and accidents in the Arctic.

AREAS OF WORK

- Enhancing cooperation, information sharing, data collection and addressing gaps in the field of Arctic emergencies.
- Improving understanding of Arctic emergencies and capacity building
- Developing guidance, best practices and risk assessment methodologies
- Coordination and preparation of Arctic response exercises
- Maintaining and supporting the implementation of two of the legally binding agreements negotiated under the auspices of the Arctic Council, agreements on Search and Rescue (SAR) and Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response (MOSPA).



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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QUICK FACTS

ESTABLISHMENT

1991

LOCATION

Tromsø, Norway

INCOMING CHAIR

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(2021-2023)

OUTGOING CHAIR

Jens Peter Holst-Andersen
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(2017-2021)

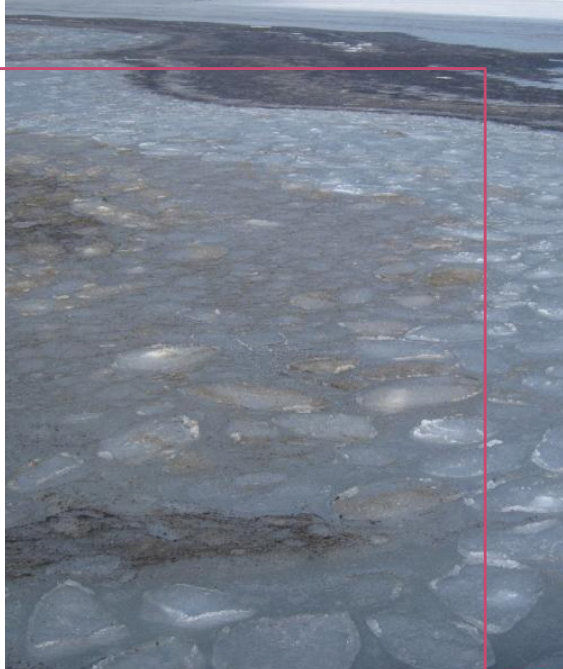
CONTEXT

The six Arctic Council Working Groups execute the projects and programs mandated by the Foreign Ministers of the Arctic States.





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EXPERT GROUPS

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Facilitates the implementation of the *Agreement on Cooperation in Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic*, identifies key lessons and best practices on Arctic incidents and SAR exercises and enhances cooperation.

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

Promotes the implementation of EPPR initiatives specific to the *MOSPA Agreement*, maintains the *Operational Guidelines of the MOSPA Agreement* and other relevant initiatives and projects.

RADIATION

Facilitates the implementation of the EPPR mandate and strategic plan framework regarding radiological and nuclear emergencies.

FEATURED 2021 PUBLICATIONS

ARCTIC MARINE RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Best practice methods and data sources for conducting regional and area-wide risk assessments concerned with ship traffic and operations in the Arctic.

RADIOLOGICAL / NUCLEAR RISK ASSESSMENT IN THE ARCTIC

The objective of this project under the Radiation Expert Group is to define the risk potential for emergencies due to nuclear/radiological material and activities that pose a threat in the Arctic.

CIRCUMPOLAR OIL SPILL RESPONSE VIABILITY ANALYSIS (COSRVA) PHASE II WEB-BASED TOOL

The purpose of the COSRVA project was to better understand the potential for different oil spill response systems to operate in the Arctic marine environment due to the increasing concern on the risk of oil spills as human activity increases in the Arctic.

ARCTIC GUARDIAN EXERCISE ACTIVITIES

EPPR conducted a host of activities in 2020-2021 contributing to Arctic Guardian exercises, from webinars and training sessions to exercise planning and execution, to enhance preparedness and response capabilities in the Arctic.