

Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic

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Connectivity as a priority of Finland's Chairmanship

- Environmental protection
- Connectivity
- Meteorology
- Education



Connectivity



- Good communication links are critical factors in improving the living conditions and quality of life of the population in the Arctic region and in developing business operations in the region.
- Functional wireless connections would improve maritime safety and enable conveyance of the data on conditions and reliable positioning.

Proposal for the work plan

- First meeting in Helsinki, 21 November
- Second meeting in Ilulissat, Greenland, May 2018
- Third meeting, October 2018
- Fourth meeting, January 2019

Content of the Task Force

- An overview of pan-Arctic geographical gaps in existing infrastructure has been done => Identify how user needs can be met with different solutions?
- An overview of current and near-future infrastructure projects, technologies and systems that may fill these gaps
- An assessment of regulatory framework and the possibilities for private investment and PPPs
- Recommendations for future works

Thank you!

