



EUROPEAN POLAR BOARD

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Plovdiv, Bulgaria



Background

Formed in 1995 as a strategic advisory body to European Science Foundation. Became independent legal entity hosted by NWO in Den Haag since January 2015

EPB is a Dutch legal entity and an “Organisation for Public Benefit”





Mission

To **promote, coordinate and advance** European research in the high latitudes by providing a single collaborative platform for European polar researchers



International Partners

APECS
IASC
SCAR
UArctic
COMNAP
FARO

European Partners

European Commission
ESA
EU Arctic Cluster
EU-PolarNet
INTERACT
ICE-ARC
ECRA
European Marine Board

Regional Counterparts

AFoPS
PAG
RAPAL



Members

Arctic Centre
ARCUM
Bulgarian Antarctic Institute
BELSPO
CNR
CNRS
CSIC
DASTI
Estonian Academy of Sciences
FCT
FNRS
FWF
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RANNIS
Research Council of Norway
SNF
SPRS
Thule Institute



Strengths

- **Bipolar vision** - Arctic and Antarctic - 27 Member Organisations from 19 countries
- **Composite and comprehensive membership**, including both research and infrastructure organisations - a mix of scientific competence and management skill
- **Actions to support scientific cooperation**, networking of polar facilities and field operations





EPB Action Group on Infrastructure

- The forum provided by the EPB enables Members to coordinate and share information on infrastructure facilities and access
- Leads to tools and coordinated initiatives that can support collaboration with international partners around the world
- European Polar Infrastructure Catalogue and Database
- Upcoming activities to share and harmonise access requirements between Members, to also benefit international partners
- Members collectively reaching out





European Polar Infrastructure

<http://www.europeanpolarboard.org>



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Location

Type

Operating country

Operational period

Facility operator/manager

Max number of personnel



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