



EUROPEAN POLAR BOARD

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The European Polar Board (EPB) is an independent European organisation of directors and managers of the major European national polar programmes. It was established in 1995 by the European Science Foundation as a strategic advisory body on **polar science**. It is concerned with major strategic priorities in the **Arctic and Antarctic**.

The EPB's vision is of a strong and cohesive European Polar research community, wherein decisions affecting or affected by the Polar Regions are informed by independent, accurate, and timely advice from the EPB.

- The EPB has 30 member organisations from 21 European countries which operate 60+ stations in the Arctic and Antarctic.
- The EPB Secretariat is hosted by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) in The Hague.
- EU-PolarNet, the world's largest consortium of expertise and infrastructure for polar research, works in close cooperation with the EPB.
- The EPB's work is largely implemented through its various Action Groups, focused on issues such as infrastructure, international cooperation, policy advice and the environmental impacts of polar research and logistics.
- The EPB also participates in large-scale projects with European and international partners, with tasks focusing on coordination of polar research and communication with policymakers or other stakeholders.

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