

A quarterly newsletter from the ArcticHubs project, in English.

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Co-creating solutions with 22 hubs across the Arctic

What's new from ArcticHubs?

Dear reader,

Welcome to the third newsletter from ArcticHubs!

In this issue we want to tell you about **the second annual meeting**, which was organised by LUKE, in Rovaniemi, Finland; and we want to share the success and outcomes from **the first online webinar from Work Package 1**, convened by Dr. Suopajarvi Leena and her team.

We shall **introduce some of our research staff** and how they'll be contributing towards the project with WP1 activities. Then we shall be sharing our **new video podcast on one of the project hubs - Kemi** - as well as news for the beginning of 2022.



The community around the project – ArcticHubs finally face-to-face

The start of the ArcticHubs project coincided with **pandemic lockdown**, which meant that face to face meetings were impossible during the project's first year.

But finally the coordination team at LUKE in Rovaniemi, Finland, was able to host a fast-moving but highly productive few days where, for the first time since the launch, **the project teams finally converged as one**.

For three days at the beginning of November, **35 researchers from the Arctic regions** of Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Greenland (along with over a dozen more joining remotely online) **gathered to meet**, to talk, and to develop their ideas in both formal and informal conversations and settings – taking the first steps in cementing the ArcticHubs **as a project community**.

The **whole ArcticHubs Consortium was present** (in person and online) to discuss progress and

🙏 Thanks to all of our consortium members for actively participating! And a special **thanks to the project coordinator Dr Pasi Rautio** and LUKE's team for the hybrid (face to face and virtual) hosting of this event 🙏

Read more on how it went [here](#).



The Rovaniemi annual meeting provided the first real opportunity for researchers to compare notes on the hubs on which they have been working, and to map out future research directions.

WP1 Webinar "Global drivers and the future of key industries in the European Arctic"

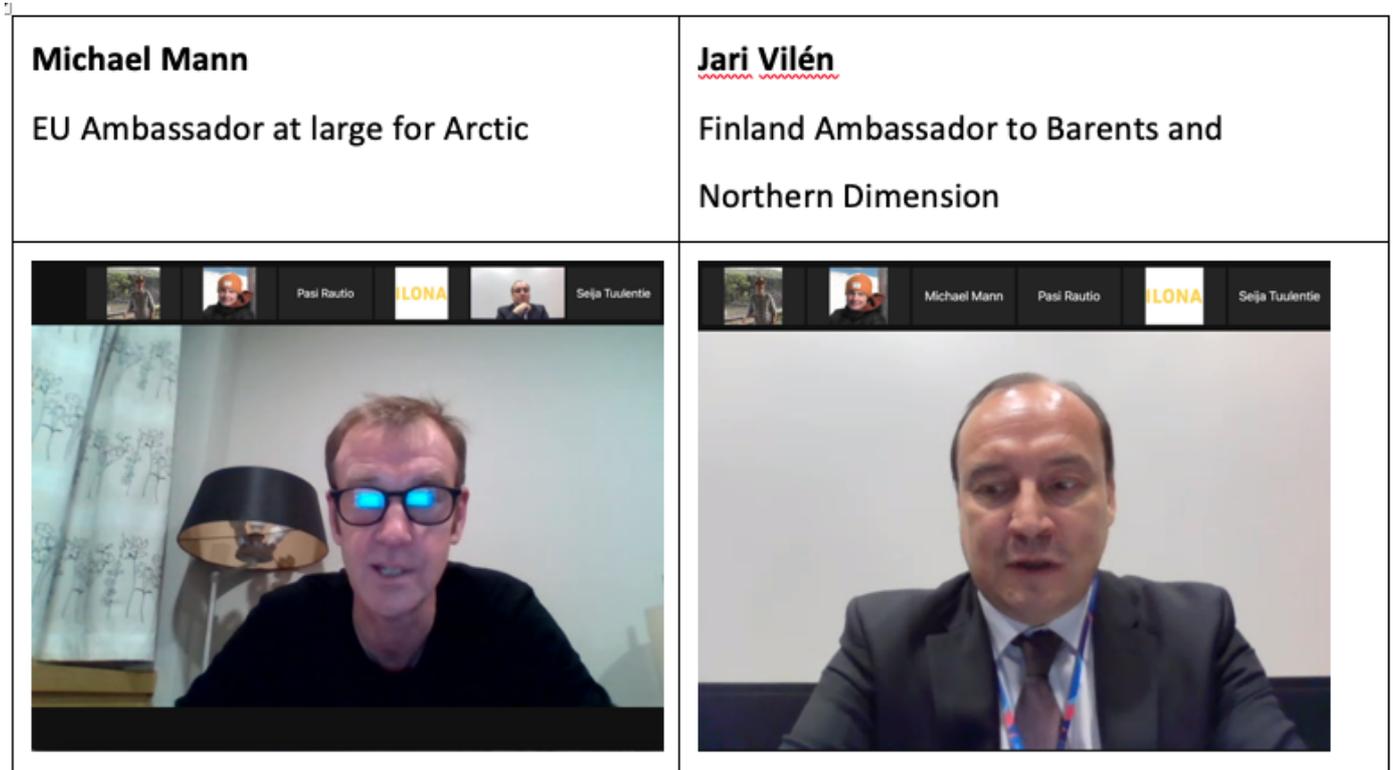
The first official WP1 webinar successfully concluded with more than 170 participants.

The organisation of the webinar followed the completion of WP1 activities which investigated global drivers and local consequences as they affect the Arctic hub locations identified by the project. The Arctic of the 2020s cannot be understood without placing it in the context of the global interlinkages and processes that shape its futures and fortunes.

In addition to expanding the impact of results beyond the immediate boundaries of the ArcticHubs consortium, the webinar served to increase communication between different sectoral interest groups – tourism, mining and extractive industries, forestry, fish farming and aquaculture – and to contextualise the ArcticHubs project within wider policy frameworks. To this end, the webinar was pleased to host significant keynote speakers and prominent contributors from the policy field.



Four parallel sessions were organised on the topics of tourism, forestry, mining and fisheries, with summary reports from each of those four sectoral panels followed by a plenary panel discussion.



We were very happy to see a healthy balance across the parallel sessions and hub interests, and for our audience to be retained through the plenary and breakout sessions.

It goes without saying that the webinar was possible thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of WP1 leader Leena Suopajarvi and her team, Katri-Maaria Kyllönen, Pamela Lesser, WP6 leader Jonathan Karkut, and the network of Arctic environmental and social scientists involved in WP1.



What do we mean by hubs?

Watch our video podcast of a visit to Kemi (Finland), one of the project's forestry hubs, to understand what we mean by the term 'project hub'.

The video uses the case of Kemi to provide **a concrete and graphic explanation of the 'hub' concept**, as this is used by the project, and to demonstrate its significance in terms of real places and real lives.

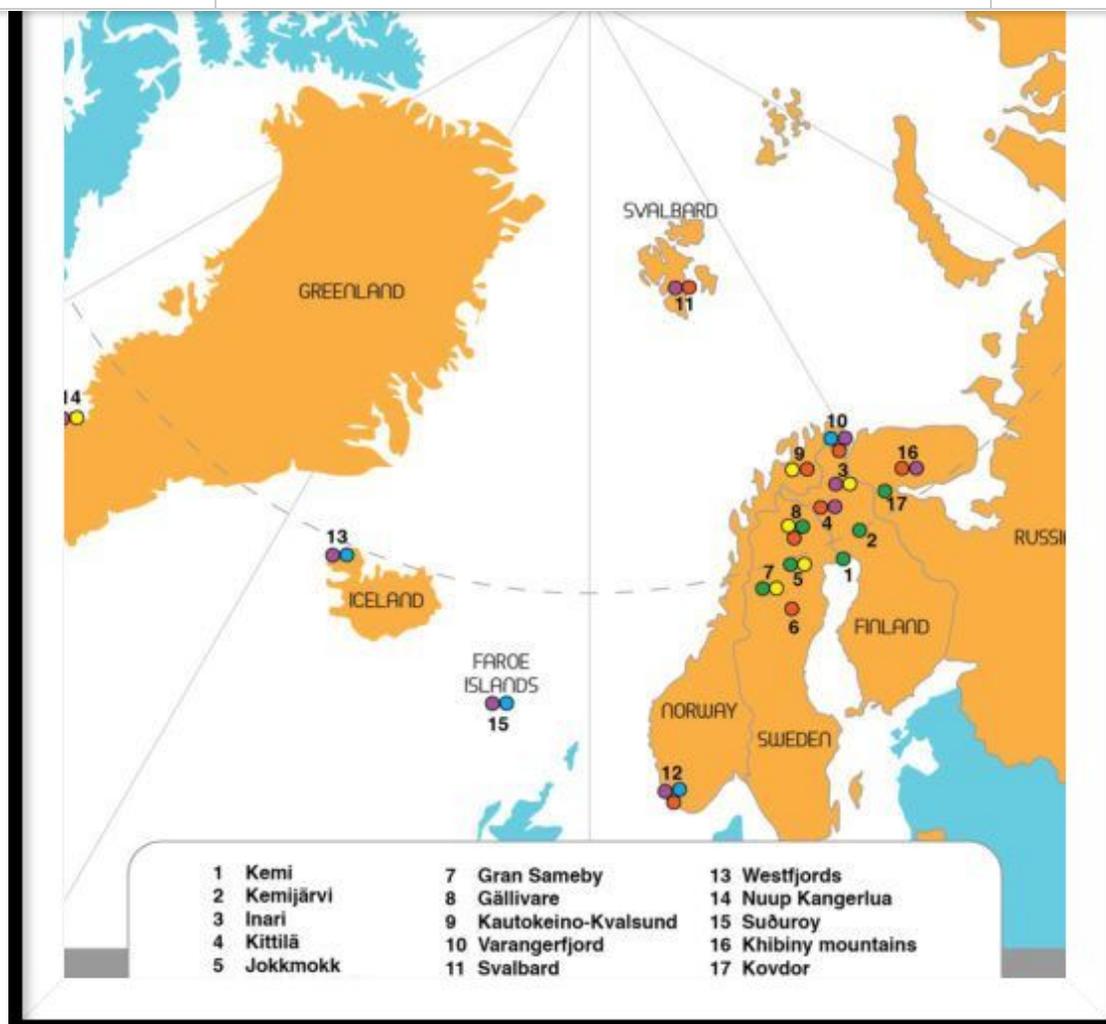
It also shows interviews with Susanna Koutonen, CEO of Kemi Snowcastle, Hanna Alila, Manager of Economic Development for the City of Kemi, and representatives of Metsä Fibre, the new bioproduct mill being built in Kemi, hosted at the Snowcastle and at the Metsä Fibre construction site.

The short film was made in collaboration with a local young film maker, Sanni Björklund, based at the University of Lapland.

Watch the video [here](#).



Where are the project hubs located?



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INTERVIEW



Interview with Dr. Leena Suopajärvi

Dr. **Leena Suopajärvi** is the lead scientist for one of the main research actions of the ArcticHubs project, namely the study of global trends and industrial developments impacting upon land, livelihoods, communities and stakeholders of the Arctic region.

In the interview we discuss with Dr.Suopajärvi how she became involved in the investigation of Arctic **land use conflicts** from her **sociological studies**, and hear her

"I don't consider doing research and writing reports as "tasks" – the topic of

interesting and important for me, for us: what we do at ArcticHubs, for us – as most of our researchers are not only researchers but they live here, up in the North, and I suppose we all want to find right and sustainable ways to live in our cities and small communities."

tells us more about the progress of the research so far, and shares insights on the possible **future scenarios** for the European Arctic.

Read her **full interview** [here](#).



Have you seen [ArcticHubs' video](#) on the Unmanned Forestry Machine (UFM)?

👉 Take 2 minutes to learn about ArcticHubs' tools!

Read more on WP4 deliverables [here](#).



Young researchers in the ArcticHubs

The young research student **Sara Moioli** from University of Trento (Italy), Department of Sociology and Social Research, is currently doing her internship at ArcticHubs. She is conducting research in the field of land use and land use conflict reconciliation, and she is now finalising her first working paper on **the adoption of DPSIR-framework in the Arctic region**. Read more about her work [here](#).

Want to know more about the ArcticHubs project?

The *ArcticHubs* project is an ambitious, multi-disciplinary international collaboration funded by the Horizon2020 programme. It aims to develop **research-led** and **practice-based solutions** to some of the major **challenges faced in the Arctic regions**.

Read more about the project aims, partners and activities on the [project website](#).

The entire ArcticHubs team acknowledges the **generous support of EU Horizons 2020 grant**.

That's all for now!

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