

# 11TH ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM AN ONLINE SUCCESS



While the COVID-19 pandemic kept the symposium from taking place physically in Brussels, the 11th annual Arctic Futures Symposium managed to be a highly successful online event.

Held in a webinar format for a few hours each day over three successive days (30 November - 2 December), the symposium managed to attract hundreds of attendees from around the world to engage in constructive conversations with a diverse group of Arctic stakeholders.

Opening with a keynote speech from [Virginijus Sinkevičius](#), European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, and a high-level panel discussion led by [Dr. Mike Sfraga](#) from the [Wilson Center Polar Institute](#), the symposium explored [a number of thematic topics](#) of great importance to the symposium's target audience of Arctic stakeholders and representatives from the European Institutions.

The International Polar Foundation would like to express its gratitude to all [symposium speakers](#) and attendees who engaged in fruitful dialogue on Arctic issues, as well as to all of the [symposium partners](#), whose contributions were essential to making this year's symposium a success.

For those who were unable to take part in the symposium this year, please consult the event's [website](#) for a [detailed programme and speaker bios](#), as well as [news and information](#) about the event.

Videos of each symposium panel discussion will soon be available on the [IPF's YouTube channel](#).