ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM AND MANY SIDE EVENTS COMING TO BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK!



This year's <u>Arctic Futures Symposium</u> will take place on December 2nd and 3rd at the Residence Palace in Brussels' EU Quarter. The theme for this year's symposium will be "Finding Solutions in Uncertain Times", and will feature several keynote speakers plus six topical panel discussions, including:

- Building on Progress: Reflections and Aspirations from the Norwegian and Kingdom of Denmark Arctic Council Chairships
- Transatlantic Cooperation in the Arctic in 2025 and Beyond
- The Current Security and Geopolitical Status of the Arctic
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Regional Collaboration to Meet Arctic Challenges Sustainably
- Building and Maintaining an Arctic Workforce and Resilient Arctic Communities
- Critical Raw Materials and Resource Supply Chains: Tensions and Trade-offs

The symposium will be held the afternoon of Monday, December 3rd, starting at 2:00 pm and all day on Tuesday, December 4th starting at 9:00 am.

During the second day of the symposium, the winner of the Laurence Trân Arctic Futures Award will be announced. The annual award of 7500 Euros goes towards helping young entrepreneurs in the Arctic.

Registrations are currently closed as demand has exceeded expectations. If you would like to make request to be on the waiting list, please send an email to evenets@polarfoundation.org.

A record number of side events

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The Mission of Norway to the European Union will host a cocktail.

Returning for its 6th edition, the Arctic Shorts film evening will feature eight short films made by Arctic filmmakers. It will take place at Cinema Galleries in the Centre of Brussels on December 3rd starting at 7:00 pm.

Then from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4th, Arctic Frontiers Abroad and the University of Bergen will host <u>an event on Sustainable Ocean Development and the Green Transition</u> at NH Carrefour de l'Europe Hotel in Brussels city centre.

This event will be followed by a screening of the film Twice Colonized with Aaju Peter, Director Lin Alluna and Producer Emile Hertling Péronard at the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm on December 4th.

The final side event will be <u>Observing</u>, <u>Understanding and Responding to Arctic Change</u>, which will be hosted by the <u>INTERACT Non-Profit Association</u> and the Embassy of Monaco at Town Hall Europe from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm on December 4th

Further details about these side events have been posted on the Arctic Futures Symposium website.

Please note that registration for the Arctic Futures Symposium does not automatically guarantee access to all symposium side events. Registration for each side event must be done separately by the organiser of that side event.

We look forward to welcoming everyone in Brussels next week!