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**ARCTIC  
PASSION**

Pan-Arctic Observing  
System of Systems:  
Implementing Observations  
for Societal Needs

# Summer 2023 Newsletter

## A message from the coordinator

Dear friends of Arctic PASSION!

We hope that the first half of 2023 has been a happy and successful time for you. For Arctic PASSION it was yet another period of intense activities on the diverse topics the project is dealing with. You will find a lot of information on these in our news blog, just a few of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Make sure to visit our website to look out for more blog entries, interviews and webinars, and stop by the data section which allows access to data portals Arctic PASSION is feeding. We just recently had our second in-person General Assembly meeting with more than 90 partners and invited guests, which paved the way forward to the next months, which will see intense field work, the start of our Shared Variables Expert Panels, and progress on data and coordination work, so keep coming back to the news blog for more. For now, enjoy the read on the past 6 months, wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Best,  
Michael

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**Partner news**



## The power of indigenous voices and data supporting the green transition

A policy paper on data-driven Subnational Decision-making in the Arctic has been published by the team at the University of Lapland. [Read more ...](#)



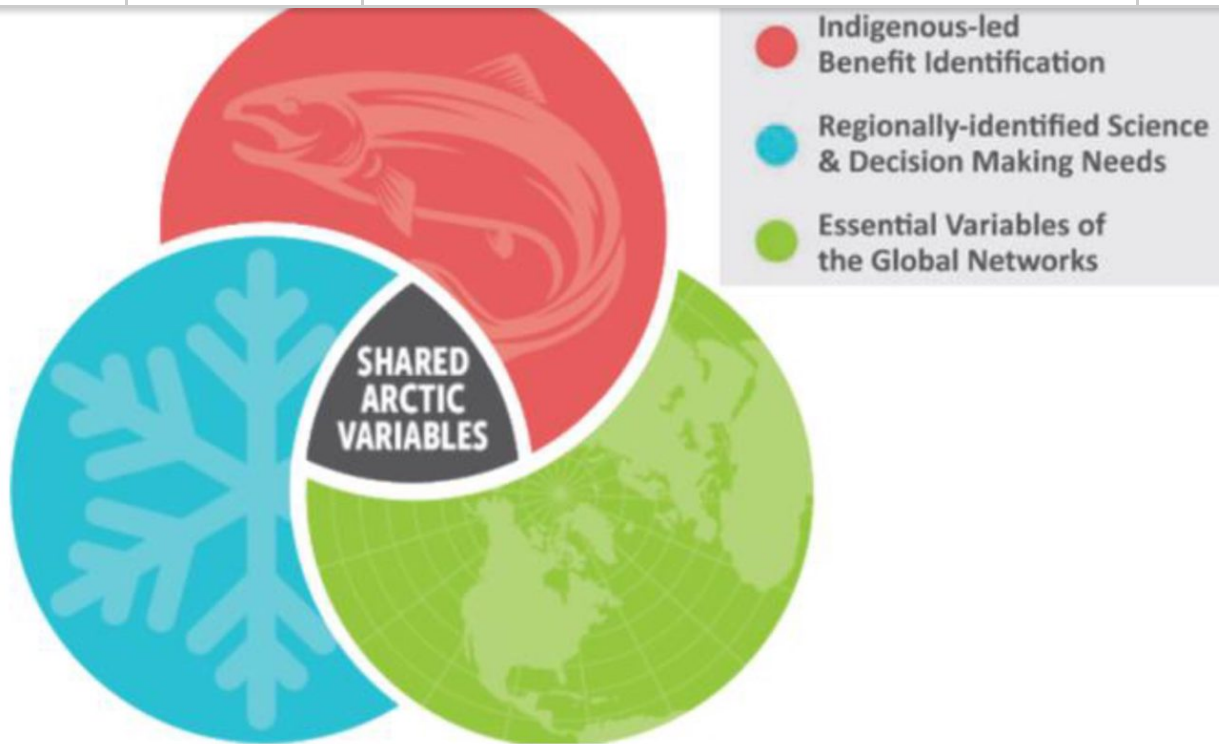
## Knowledge co-creation for policy

We interviewed Kotryna Markeviciute, former research trainee at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), regarding advice on partnership for knowledge co-creation for policy, emphasizing that arts-based methods could provide the space for dialogue. [Read more ...](#)



## Towards a pan-Arctic Distributed Biological Observatory (DBO)

During two inspiring sessions at the Arctic Science Summit Week 2023 in Vienna, Austria, the Atlantic-Arctic DBO community joined up with the teams from the pioneering [Pacific DBO](#), and the two DBOs in formation for the Davis Strait and the East Siberian Sea. [Read more ...](#)



## The development of Shared Arctic Variables (SAVs)

Arctic PASSION has initiated 3 thematic SAV expert panels for wildfire, permafrost and sea ice involving Indigenous Sámi, Gwich'in, Inuvialuit and local experts, and has a leading role in piloting the Roadmap for Arctic Observing and Data Systems (ROADS) process supporting the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) and involving the Arctic Observing Summits (AOS). [Read more ...](#)



## Arctic PASSION 2023 General

# Knowledge is a treasure chest for Arctic partnerships

An interview with Tero Mustonen, winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize, where he explains Arctic PASSION's work on community-based monitoring, co-creation and how we should aim to communicate to policymakers. [Read more ...](#)

Arctic PASSION project members from 43 partner and collaborating organizations in 17 countries including [Indigenous communities](#) across the Arctic met in Baveno, Italy May 22nd-25th, 2023. [Read more ...](#)

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## Workshops

Recently co-organised workshops and webinars include:



### Preparedness for Arctic wildfires



### Working with SAON ROADS and SAVs

happened April 20th-21st, 2023 in Helsinki. [Read more ...](#)

Shared Arctic Variables, on February 15th 2023 as part of the Arctic Observing Summit 2023. Watch it [here](#).



## Land use, reconciliation, and justice in the Arctic

25 members of the Arctic PASSION, CHARTER, Arctic Hubs and JustNorth projects from across Europe and from three other Polar Cluster projects met in Tromsø at Arctic Frontiers 2023 for a collaborative workshop on Arctic environmental change, in the past, present and in the future.. [Read more ...](#)

## Upcoming events

Arctic PASSION will participate in the following events:

- [Arctic Circle Assembly](#). October 19th-22nd, 2023. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- [GEO Week 2023](#). November 7th-9th, 2023. Cape Town, South Africa.
- [Nansen Legacy Symposium](#). November 7th-9th, 2023. Tromsø, Norway.
- [Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference](#). November 13th-15th, 2023. Rovaniemi, Finland.
- [ESA and EU Polar Cluster Collocation meeting](#), November 21st-24th, 2023. Frascati, Italy.
- [A-DBO Fall meeting](#). November 28th-30th, 2023. Sopot, Poland.



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