The CoR opinion on
A stronger EU engagement for a peaceful, sustainable and prosperous Arctic

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Timetable

• Submission of working document 17.1.2022
• Exchange of views in COTER 11.2.2022
• Policy analysis provided by the COTER secretariat in Feb 2022
• Consultations during February
  • Written on-line consultation – to be opened soon, a list of stakeholders defined together
  • Institutional meetings
  • Bilateral stakeholder meetings

• Submission of draft opinion, 3-10 pages, 7.-10.3.2022 (depending on the length), with CoR format
• First discussion and adoption in COTER 7.4.2022
• DL for amendments
  • for members 14.6.2022
  • for rapporteur 1.4.2022
• Adoption in plenary 29/30 June 2022
Key-questions* to be addressed:

1. What is in your view the importance of the Artic region for European local and regional authorities?

2. Are you involved the implementation of any EU policy, fund (e.g. ESIF, Horizon) or territorial cooperation project in relation to the Artic? Would you have any recommendations to improve these tools and ensure that they support a sustainable development of the Artic while avoiding to further deteriorate the environment?

3. Which main challenges do you see for the future of the Artic and how could the EU support local and regional in addressing those challenges, to the benefit of its 4 Million inhabitants and of the earth?

4. How can the EU strengthen multilateral governance and international cooperation in the Artic, for example via regular dialogue and the Arctic stakeholder forum? How should local and regional authorities be involved in these governance and cooperation tools?

* Key-questions are supplemented by a set of complementary questions
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