BSC Arctic Task Force

Action Plan 2023-2024

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Arctic Task Force

1. Sustainable economic and territorial development of the European Arctic Regions
   • Support a fair and just energy transition in European Arctic regions
   • Showcase the extensive potential of smart solutions in the Arctic to lead the green transition
   • Promote better territorial accessibility in the European Arctic regions and promote sustainable transport modes
   • Raise awareness of Arctic issues on the EU agenda
   • Promote active role of the regions in the implementation of the EU Arctic policy
2. Maintain European Arctic regions as low tension areas through increased multilevel cooperation

• Mitigate the negative consequences on people and business living in the Arctic regions due to the new geopolitical context and increasing tensions in the Arctic

• Support a strong role of the EU in the European Arctic regions

• Advocate for adapted EU instruments and funds for Arctic regions

• Promote multilevel cooperation and interregional cooperation between Arctic actors

• Ensure that critical infrastructures in European Arctic regions (energy, transport, undersea cables, space, and digital infrastructure) are secured and resilient for the people
3. Sustainable social development and attractive communities in Arctic regions

• Promote investments in human capital and targeted EU calls for Arctic region

• Support development of local communities, including indigenous people