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## The EPB and NWO

Since 2015, the EPB has been an independent entity, with its Secretariat hosted by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) in The Hague. Established in 1995, the EPB was an Expert Board of the European Science Foundation formed to provide strategic advice on Arctic and Antarctic issues.



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## The European Polar Board

The European Polar Board (EPB) is an independent organisation that focuses on major strategic priorities in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Current EPB membership includes research institutes, funding agencies, scientific academies, and polar operators from across Europe.

The EPB envisions a Europe with a strong and cohesive polar research community, wherein decisions affecting or affected by the polar regions are informed by independent, accurate, and timely advice from the EPB.

The EPB has a mission to improve European coordination of Arctic and Antarctic research by optimising the use of European research infrastructure. We promote multilateral collaborations between our Members and provide a single contact point for the global polar research community. We advance the collective knowledge of polar issues, particularly in the context of European societal relevance.

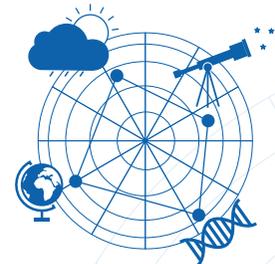


## European Polar Board's Vision

To be the strong collective voice of European research in the polar regions, providing independent policy advice at national and international levels.

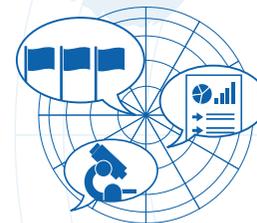
### Strong:

Advancing coordination and fostering greater collaboration in and for European research in the polar regions. Being open and inclusive, and supporting capacity building.



### Independent:

Provide evidence-based, unbiased policy advice on issues affecting or affected by the polar regions through transparent processes, particularly in the context of European societal relevance.



## European Polar Board's Mission

To promote, coordinate and advance European research at high latitudes by providing a single collaborative platform for European polar researchers.

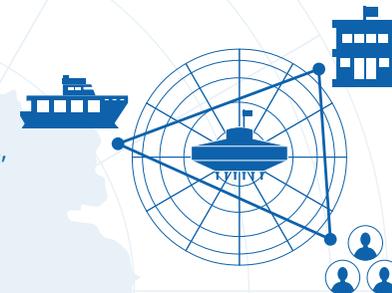
### Promote:

Strengthen connections with the worldwide polar research community, and be the central organisation to bodies seeking collaboration with European polar organisations.



### Coordinate:

Provide a platform for greater European coordination and integration for logistics, infrastructures, and scientific cooperation in polar regions.



### Advance:

Identify, highlight and support strategic priority areas in research in high latitudes, especially in the context of European societal relevance.

