



# *Climate Change and the Arctic*

## *The implications of the Paris Agreement for the Arctic Region*

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**08:00-09:30**

**Members’ Salon**

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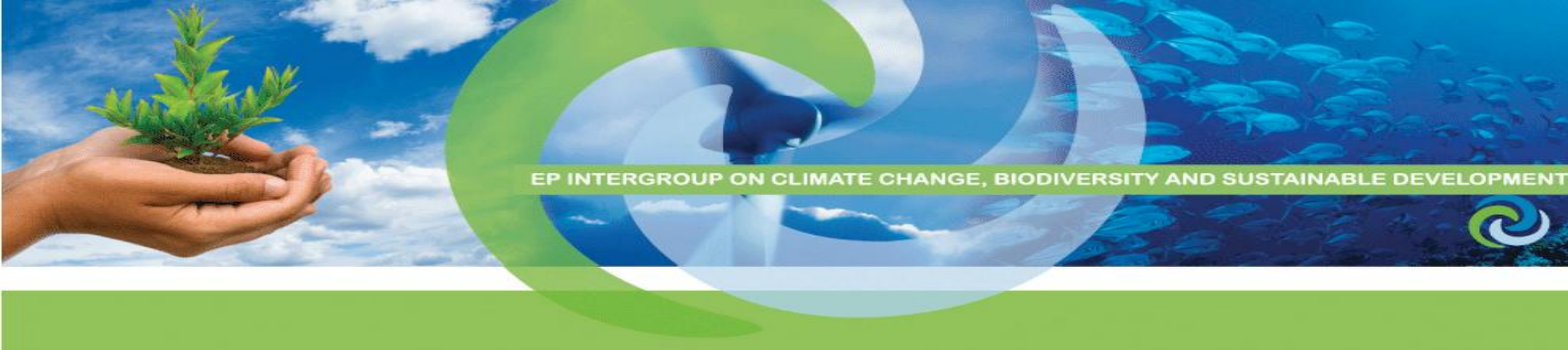
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The arctic region is where climate change has its most severe effects. The reduction of summer sea ice and the thinning of ice layers in the Nordic regions are showing that not only the Arctic is getting warmer, but it is doing so at a faster rate than the global average.

These worrisome facts will have consequences for the rest of the world as well, as the melting ice in the Arctic will contribute to raise sea level globally, change worldwide weather events, and impact the ecosystem of several migratory species.

In December 2015 the international community reached a historic agreement, by committing to hold the increase of global average temperature below 2 °C on pre-industrial levels. Nonetheless, the agreement has been criticised for not providing specific attention to the arctic situation, and to its impact on the indigenous community of the area.

This event will bring together European policy-makers, representatives from the arctic regions, stakeholders and members of the civil society, to assess the consequences and the implications of the Paris Agreement for the Arctic, including the role of indigenous communities of that area.



- 08:00-08:10 Welcoming words by the Chairs **MEP Christel Schaldemose** and **MEP Anneli Jäätteenmäki**
- 08:10-08:20 **Anne Bergenfelt, Third country relations officer, European Commission – DG Climate Action**
- 08:20-08:30 **Carole Martinez, Program Coordinator, IUCN Marine and Polar Program**
- 08:30-08:40 **Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union**
- **Cedrick Tilma, Representative of the OCTA Chair**
  - **Mira Kleist, Chair of the OCTA Environment & Climate Change working group**
- 08:40-08:50 **Nathalie Van Isacker, Scientific Officer, International Polar Foundation**
- 08:50-09:20 **Questions and discussion with the participants**
- 09:20-09:30 **Concluding remarks** by the Chairs **MEP Christel Schaldemose** and **MEP Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

