

**EU High-Level event “A sustainable Arctic – innovative approaches”
15 June 2017**

12h30	<i>Registrations and welcome coffee</i>
14h15	Oulu children choir sings
14h30	Opening by the moderator, Ms Eeva Furman
14h33	Welcome by the City of Oulu
14h35	1st panel session: The Arctic is local and global – increasing expectations
16h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
17h00	2nd panel session: The Arctic - a Northern light for innovation
18h25	Wrap-up
18h30	<i>Press conference by Commissioner Vella and Foreign Minister Soini</i>

Speakers:

- Mr **Timo Soini**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland
- Ms **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission
- Mr **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Ms Tiina Sanila-Aikio, President of the Saami Parliament of Finland
- Mr Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hungary
- Mr Frank Bakke-Jensen, Minister of EEA and EU Affairs, Norway
- Mr Sven-Erik Bucht, Minister for Rural Affairs
- Ms Suka Frederiksen, Minister of Independence, Foreign Affairs and Agriculture of Greenland, Kingdom of Denmark
- Mr Benedetto Della Vedova, Under-Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italy
- Mr Martin Kotthaus, Head of the European Directorate-General at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- Representative of the Government of Canada
- Representative of the Government of France
- Representative of the Government of Iceland
- Representative of the Government of Netherlands
- Ms Maria Damanaki, Global Managing Director for Oceans, Nature Conservancy
- Mr Alexander Shestakov, Director of Arctic programme, WWF
- Mr Tero Vauraste, Chair of the Arctic Economic Council

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High-level session of the Arctic Stakeholder Forum:
European investment priorities for the Arctic

08h00	<i>Registrations and welcome coffee</i>
09h00	Opening by the moderator, Ms Eeva Furman
09h00	Welcome speech
09h15	Key note speech
09h30	1st panel session: Common investment needs for a sustainable Arctic
10h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h00	2nd panel session: Innovative solutions for sustainable regional development in the Arctic
12h00	Wrap-up
12h15	<i>Lunch</i>

Speakers:

- Mr **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Ms Grete Ellingsen, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway
- Ms Åsa Larsson, President of the Saami Council
- Ms Satu Vehreävesa, Chair of the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas, Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo
- Ms Maja Bakran, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- Mr Stefaan Depypere, Director of International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs & Fisheries, European Commission
- Mr Miguel Gil-Tertre, member of the Cabinet of Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President of the European Commission (tbc)
- Representative of the Cabinet of Corina Cretu, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission (tbc)
- Mr Stephen Hart, Head of Office, European Investment Bank, Copenhagen
- Mr Oddgeir Danielsen, Director, Secretariat of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics
- Mr Alexander Shestakov, Director of Arctic programme, WWF
- Ms Monika Mc Devette, Ecosystems Division Deputy Director, UNEP
- Ms Nauja Bianco, Senior Adviser/Office of the Secretary General Nordic Council of Ministers
- Ms Kristiina Jokelainen, Regional Council of Lapland
- Mr Juha Ali-Mursula, Director of Business Oulu
- Representative of Kingdom of Denmark (tbc)
- Representative of the Government of Finland (tbc)
- Representative of the Government of Sweden (tbc)

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Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Dialogue

13h15	Opening by the moderator, Ms Eeva Furman
13h18	Introductory statements
13h45	1st panel session: Connecting sustainable Arctic communities <i>Discussion – how can improved connectivity support the development of indigenous peoples' communities?</i>
15h15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15h45	2nd panel session: Innovative approaches to turn challenges into smart opportunities <i>Discussion – how can traditional knowledge and local expertise support the development of innovative solutions?</i>
17h15	Next steps and conclusions

Speakers:

- Mr **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Ms Åsa Larsson Blind, President of the Saami Council
- Mr Jouko Niinimäki, Rector, University of Oulu
- Ms Inga-Lill Sundset, Advisor, Nordland County, Norway
- Ms Nauja Bianco, Senior Adviser, Office of the Secretary General Nordic Council of Ministers
- Indigenous peoples' representatives (tbc)
- Mr Stefaan Depypere, Director of International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chair of the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
- Mr Anders Oskal, Director of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (tbc)
- Mr Thomas Kuepper, Policy officer, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission (tbc)
- Ms Mary Simon, author of the report "A new Shared Arctic Leadership Model" (tbc)