**Work Plan activity:** Best practise for SAON networks

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**Summary:** Develop best practises for the management and operation of observational networks, based on existing examples such as GTN-P, IASOA, INTERACT, PAG, and on the needs of the networks and platforms.

**Scope:** The activity will bring together the different arctic observational networks across domains (marine, atmospheric, terrestrial) by arranging joint events, meetings and workshops for sharing of best practices to identify synergies, gaps and duplication between the networks and platforms.

Connections will also be made to relevant national structures for exchange of information and knowledge and to align the activities with the national level efforts.

If successful, this activity will also help to improve the planning and coordination (including funding) of the current and future observational systems in the Arctic.

**Resource needs:** 0.5 PM per year for planning and arranging the workshop. 0.5 PM per year for analyzing the survey results and producing a report/handbook and other outcomes from the workshop. Total 2 PM during the work plan period. 3000-5000 EUR for meeting arrangements, flyers and promotional material, printing costs etc.

**Milestones**

**M1.** Analysis of the expectations on SAON CON from the “Expectations to SAON” survey.Autumn, 2017.

**M2.** A workshop about observational networks best practices(topic specified based on the analysis of the “Expectations to SAON” survey). Autumn, 2018.

**Deliverables**

**D1.** An e-report/e-handbook on observational networks best practices on a specified topic, e.g. new observational methodologies. Spring, 2019.