Polar Observing Assets Survey

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The diverse and distributed nature of observing systems in polar regions presents a fundamental challenge for assessment, planning, integration, and synthesis. There is an interest in creating overviews of these systems, since this, among other things, will allow more efficient use of facilities and allow for the understanding of where gaps in observation capacities exist. There is an interest in knowing answers to questions like "Who is going where? When are they going? What will they observe? What observing equipment will they have there? Who is responsible for organizing logistics?", etc.

The purpose of this survey is to seek to create an overview of existing sources of information on polar observing facilities, systems and activities. This will allow the definition of procedures that can access these sources and compile the information from the various sources.

The survey uses the term observing assets as an overall label for polar observation facilities, systems and activities; this includes observatories, sites, stations, transects, networks, observing systems, programs, and projects. The survey has a focus on data about observing assets (for instance the name and location of an observing station) but not on the observing data obtained from the observing assets. In the survey, the data about observing assets is referred to as the information about the observing assets, so as not to confuse it with the data obtained from the observing assets.

The survey is circulated to representatives from institutions, countries, initiatives and organisations that have an interest in polar observing, and it will seek to establish whether this information is already being coordinated and what interest there is in (further) developing the coordination of information about observing assets.

There are four sections in the survey

- Identification
- Existing procedures for organising information about observing assets
- Future procedures for organising information about observing assets
- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The survey is anonymous, but through the Identification section, you may choose to identify yourself, your affiliation, your geographical area and your association with various organisations. The plan is to produce a reports from the survey, based on the mentioned geographical areas and organisations. If you provide your email address, then the report will be mailed to you, once it is ready.

You can skip questions that you do not want to respond to. In order to handle the information that you provide, the question in the last section is on the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is the only mandatory question.

It should take less than 10 min to complete the survey.

The survey is organised under EU-PolarNet 2. The objective of EU-PolarNet 2 is to provide a platform to codevelop strategies to advance the European Polar Research action and its contribution to the policy-making processes. You can read more about EU-PolarNet 2 here: https://eu-polarnet.eu.

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Identification

1. What is your email address?

2.	What is your affiliation?					
	Example: Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany or Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, Norway					
3.	What is your working relationship with observation data in your organisation? "Observation data" below does not only cover natural science data, but also information from the social sciences and humanities					
	Markér alle, du er enig i.					
	Managing observation data					
	Producing observation data					
	Using/consuming observation data					
	None of the above					
	Andet:					
4.	Where are you located (continent)?					
	Markér kun ét felt.					
	Africa					
	Antarctica					
	Asia					
	Europe					
	North America					
	Oceania					
	South America					

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5.	Are you or your institution engaged in one or more of the following international activities/organisations?
	Markér alle, du er enig i.
	Arctic Council (or one of its subsidiaries, i.e. Expert or Working Groups) European Polar Board EU-PolarNet
	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) / SCAR Standing Committee on Antarctic Data Management (SCADM)
	Southern Ocean Observing System (SOOS)
	Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) (or one of its Committees: ADC or CON)
	Other EU-funded programmes, like Arctic PASSION, INTERACT or other EU Polar Cluster members
	Andet:
6.	Is the interest/scope of your work
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Arctic
	Antarctic
	Polar
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7.	Within your institution: Do you compile and organise information about observing assets in polar regions?
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Yes
	◯ No

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8.	If yes, what kind of observing assets does your institution organise information about?				
	(No definition of these terms are provided. If you are uncertain about the definition, then use your own judgement. Please note that social and humanities data and observation are also included)				
	Markér alle, du er enig i.				
	Observatories				
	Sites				
	Stations				
	Transects				
	Networks				
	Observing systems				
	Programs				
	Projects				
	Andet:				
9.	If yes, what is the technical framework or structure that your institution use for the organisation of this information?				
	Markér alle, du er enig i.				
	Catalogues, databases or online portals				
	Simple information structures (spreadsheet, text files)				
	Andet:				
10.	If your answer above included "Catalogues, databases or online portals", which?				

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11.	they have an Application Programming Interface (API) or other machine- readable endpoint for access (such as OGC CSW, OAI-PMH, or a web accessible folder)??
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Yes
	◯ No
	On't know
12.	Is the information stored in this/these system(s) accessible for people outside your institution
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Openly
	There are restrictions on access
13.	If restrictions on the access apply, please specify
14.	If restrictions on the access apply, is your institution currently considering or already implementing developments that will relax the restrictions?

Future procedures for organising information about observing assets

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15.	If your institution does not already organise or make the information available, would your institution have the capacity and be interested in making this information available to externals?
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Yes
	No
16.	If you answered 'No' to the first question in this section, what could motivate you or your institution?
17.	If you answered 'Yes' to the first question in this section, how would you or
17.	If you answered 'Yes' to the first question in this section, how would you or your institution technically want to make the information available?
	Markér alle, du er enig i. Through an existing technical framework or structure within your institution and
	expect this to make it available to externals
	 Enter the information into an external system through a web entry interface Organise the information in structured files (spreadsheet, .csv-files), following an agreed format and make it available to externals
	Andet:
18.	Would you be willing to update the information provided regularly, say on a yearly basis?
	Markér kun ét felt.
	Yes
	No No
	Maybe

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19.	Please feel free to provide any additional information that you believe is important in this context. This could be, for example, links to databases available online that you would like to point us to or any other feedback that you would like to provide, etc.				
The	e General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)				
20.	I agree that my answers from this survey will be stored in a Google Drive and shared within the organizer of the survey. I accept that the answers provided may be published in a summarised form. *				
	Markér kun ét felt.				
	Yes				
21.	I accept that the organisers of the survey can contact me if they want to obtain additional information *				
	Markér kun ét felt.				
	Yes				
	○ No				

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