



Draft Programme

The Arctic: a new arena of geostrategic importance and great powers' rivalry

Tuesday 13 April 2021

16.50 - 18.45

Brussels

Remote participation

Room: Remote via PHS 3C50

OPENING REMARKS

16:50-16:55

16:50-16:55 **Mr Urmas Paet**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

I

Arctic governance: fit for future challenges?

INTERVENTION BY:

16:55-17:10 **Ms Elana Wilson Rowe**, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

II

The quest for Arctic natural resources - A chance for sustainable economic development or a source of geopolitical instability?

INTERVENTION BY:

17:10-17:25 **Mr Nils Wang**, Rear Admiral of the Royal Danish Navy, Managing Director, Naval Team Denmark

III

Shipping through the Arctic - Freedom of navigation, new commercial routes and civil security issues in the Arctic

INTERVENTION BY:

17:25-17:40 **Ms Rebecca Pincus**, Assistant Professor in the Strategic and Operational Research Department (SORO) in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at the US Naval War College and Arctic Strategy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense of the US (Policy)

IV

Hard security in the Arctic - how to manage military threats and avoid confrontation in the Arctic

INTERVENTION BY:

17:40-17:55 **Professor Dr S. Julian Lindley-French**, Chairman of the Alphen Group, Senior Fellow of the Institute for Statecraft and Author, Future War and the Defence of Europe (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

V

The Arctic and the EU - the way forward

INTERVENTION BY:

17:55-18:10 **Mr Michael Mann**, EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters

18:10-18:30 **Exchange of views with MEPs:**

- AFET Standing Rapporteur on the Arctic, **Ms Anna Fotyga**
- D-EEA Chair, **Mr Andreas Schwab**
- slot 1: **EPP**
- slot 2: **S&D**
- slot 3: **Renew**
- slot 4: **Greens**
- slot 5: **ID**
- slot 6: **LEFT**
- (slot 7: **NI/ tbc**)

If time allows, more MEP interventions according to “catch the eye”

18:30-18:40 **Replies by the Speakers**

CLOSING REMARKS

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