

**Question for written answer P-7657/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: European Arctic Information Centre

In November 2008 the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council 'The European Union and the Arctic Region' (COM(2008)0763) stated that as a proposal for action it would:

Explore — together with the Nordic countries — possibilities for creating a European Arctic Information Centre.

Can the Commission confirm what service it expects from such a European Arctic Information Centre and what is the process and timescale for selection, bearing in mind the interest shown by the University of Lapland in Finland?