Thematic Network on Blue Economy and the Arctic,

hosted by Nord University, Norway

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Activities 2023

Events:

- Side-event at High North Dialogue 2023 "Blue Economy and the Arctic"
- Session: A blue economy agenda for the Arctic? Perspectives on justice, diversity and inclusion at the Arctic Circle Assembly https://www.uarctic.org/news/2023/9/uarctic-at-the-2023-arctic-circle-assembly/

Outreach:

- The Paradox of The Blue Economy - Publication at High North News online news paper https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/paradox-blue-economy?fbclid=IwAR3uTdoUq6RuG6KMjKplwyUCRj72fPC24Eu2m_eYZVf_Gz1Z-47gJnHrKcA / https://www.uarctic.org/news/2024/2/op-ed-article-the-paradox-of-the-blue-economy/
- Discussing the Arctic's Value - The Blue Economy and International Cooperation in the Arctic. Presentation at 2023 World Ocean Week in Xiamen (China) – online.
- Discussing the Arctic's Value: A Blue Economic Future for a Peripheral Region. Presentation at East China Normal University, Shanghai (China)
- Presentation at Norwegian Embassy Singapore, February 17, 2023.

Planned and conducted activities 2024

- *Innovations for Policy Makers: Pathing Ways for a Sustainable and Just Blue Economy*, Side event at Arctic Frontiers 2024 conference, Tromsø, January 29th, 2024 (executed as planned)
- Joint application to UArctic to develop a collaborative summer school on Arctic Blue Economy (delivered by the application deadline of 15 February)
- *ArcBlue and Business Index North Network Seminar 2024*, study & networking trip, 7 – 12 April 2024, Anchorage, Alaska
- Arctic Congress Bodø 2024, from 29 May to 3 June 2024 in Bodø, Norway
- Nord University Summer School on Sustainable Blue Growth in Northern Norway, 1-5 July 2024 in Bodø, Norway

- Developing a book proposal dedicated to the issues of Sustainable Blue Economy in the Arctic, spring-summer 2024
- Delivering three master theses on the relevant topics, that network participants will supervise.
- Break-out session under the Arctic Circle Assembly 2024
- Expending the TN by engaging members from Greenland, China, India and EU countries