



WEBINAR

What are the challenges in successful implementation of the Polar Code in the Arctic?

Wednesday June 2nd (14.00-16.00 CET)

The International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (the Polar Code) entered into force on 1 January 2017. However, there is a concern that the codification of rules made through the IMO bargaining process has created a false sense of safety and security, as meeting the standards may not remedy underlying international, regional, national, business or individual incentives to accept risks that exceed reasonable management of them.

This webinar will be organized by **The Polar Code project** (*The Polar Code and Maritime Safety: International Network on Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Health and Safety in Arctic Shipping*), Department of Sociology, Environmental and Business Economics (SEBE), University of Southern Denmark (the project is funded by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science). University of Southern Denmark (Coordinator), Aalborg University (CIRCLA), the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, University of Greenland, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU Social Research, and Tyumen State University, Russia, are the partners of the project.

The aim of the webinar is to broaden and deepen our understanding on key features of Polar Code. The speakers of the seminar will address the role of the Polar Code in managing maritime safety risks and potential challenges to implement the Polar Code in Arctic water from public and private sectors' point of views. Our speakers are:

- **Turid B Stemre:** Turid is the Director of IMO affairs at the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA). For decades, she has managed Norwegian delegations to various committees and sub-committees at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). She also led the work groups that developed the Polar Code and the Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low flashpoint Fuels. Now she is chair of the IMO sub-committee for ship design and construction, after five years as vice chair.
- **Mark van der Hulst:** Mark is the COO of Oceanwide Expeditions since 2014. The Oceanwide Expeditions group, based in Vlissingen, The Netherlands, is a ship owner and tour operator organizing expedition style cruises to the Arctic and North Atlantic, as well as the Antarctic and Sub-Atlantic Islands. Mark van der Hulst also holds the Chair of the Marine Committee of AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators), based in Tromsø, Norway.
- **Svetlana Kuznetcova:** Svetlana is an expert in Regional Rescue Service (in Arkhangelsk), Russia and she has got much expertise and experience in the Arctic safety area. She is the member of UArctic Thematic network on Arctic Safety and Security. She took parts in several research projects in Arctic for example MARPART and Civil Emergency in Arkhangelsk.

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Program outline:

14.00-14.05: Welcome by Dewan Ahsan, Associate Professor SEBE, University of Southern Denmark

14.05-14.25: Turid B. Stemre, Director of IMO affairs, the Norwegian Maritime Authority

Topic: “Introduction to the Polar Code, its development, and challenges in implementation”

14.25- 14.45: Mark van der Hulst, the chair of AECO’s Maritime Committee

Topic: “The Polar Code in the Arctic from the perspective of Expedition Cruise Companies”

14.45-14.50 Break

14.50-15.10: Svetlana Kuznetsova, Expert Regional Rescue Service (in Arkhangelsk, Russia)

Topic: “The role of Polar Code in managing maritime safety risks: Russian Context”

15.10-16.00: Open discussion (all participants); Facilitator: Hanna Barbara Rasmussen, Senior Researcher, CMSS, SDU