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for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# **“STRONGER TOGETHER: EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR POLAR SCIENCE AND SOCIETY” WEBINAR, 11 JUNE 2020**

**World Ocean Council (WOC) Invites the Ocean Business and Investment Community to the EU-PolarNet Webinar on the Integrated European Polar Research Programme**

26 May 2020

**EU-PolarNet and the European Polar Board are co-organizing the following webinar:**

**Stronger Together: European Cooperation for Polar Science and Society – The Integrated European Polar Research Programme**

**Date: 11 June 2020**

**Time: 10:00-13:00 CEST**

**Registration: [Click here to register](#)**

**In this webinar, participants will be given an introduction to the European Polar Research Programme developed as part of the EU-PolarNet project.**

**The European Polar Research Programme is the outcome of a five-year process of co-designing and developing a future research agenda for Europe. It represents a bottom-up community effort, building on the challenges and needs raised by all who are affected by the ongoing changes in the Polar Regions. It has been designed using a truly transdisciplinary approach and aims to bridge the knowledge gaps in and between natural and social sciences, the economy and society in the Polar Regions.**

**WOC Executive Director Christine Valentin will be co-presenting as co-author of Research Need 5: Challenges and Opportunities for Polar Operations.** For more information on the webinar agenda, [click here](#).

**[EU-PolarNet](#), within which the WOC is an Industry Partner, is the world’s largest consortium of expertise and infrastructure for polar research. Seventeen countries are represented by 22 of Europe’s internationally respected multi-disciplinary research institutions. Since 2015, EU-PolarNet has been developing and delivering a strategic framework and mechanisms to prioritize science, optimize the use of polar infrastructure and broker new partnerships that have led to the co-design of polar research projects delivering tangible benefits for our society. By adopting a higher degree of coordination of polar research and operations than has existed**

previously, the consortium engages in closer cooperation with all relevant actors on an international level.

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

19 May, Online Webinar

**International Union of Marine Insurers (IUMI) – WOC Briefing on the New U.N. Ocean Treaty: Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)** (Speaker)

Click [here](#) to access the recording and slides.

20 May, Online Webinar

**Fishing For Data: Ocean Observations and Data Collection from Fishing Vessels** (Speaker)

Click [here](#) to access the recording and slides.

11 June, [10:00-13:00 CEST](#), Online Webinar

**Stronger Together: European Cooperation for Polar Science and Society – The Integrated European Polar Research Programme** (Speaker)

18 June, [17:00 CEST](#), Online Webinar

**TRANSITION FORUM 2020: Time to Scale Up – Plenary IV Mobility** (Speaker)

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