

North Atlantic Ocean Cluster Alliance founded

On November 19-20, representatives from Norway, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, Denmark and Newfoundland Canada gathered in Copenhagen where a new alliance of ocean clusters in the North Atlantic was founded, the North Atlantic Ocean Cluster Alliance (NOACA). These countries all have a long history of cooperation and all depend heavily on ocean resources.

The cooperation is lead by The Iceland Ocean Cluster and sponsored partly by NORA and Nordic Innovation.

The mission of the North Atlantic Ocean Cluster Alliance (NAOCA) is to promote and enhance cooperation and collaboration between respective clusters and their members achieving a “network of networks” for the mutual benefit of all Parties. The objective of the alliance is to support growth and development in ocean related fields by increasing international cooperation. Furthermore, the alliance will serve as a platform for distributing knowledge and identifying new business opportunities.

The Parties will work together in identifying areas where members of respective clusters can collaborate to develop and implement initiatives related to information sharing, research and development, partnerships and business development opportunities.

NAOCA is a mediator which emphasises on increasing cooperation among clusters and other interested parties where – where cooperation which can increase value is needed.



Description for photo in attachment: From the left: Tonnes Kaka Berthelsen (KNAPK, Greenland), Thor Sigfússon (Iceland Ocean Cluster), Steen Sabinsky (Maritime Development Center of Europe), Olav Bardalen (Innovation Norway) and Niels Winther (Vinnúhúsið, Faroe Islands).

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