

"..We have a responsibility to safeguard the environment and the safety at sea in the High North. We will be a front runner in this field both nationally and internationally".

.."The High North is characterized by low tension, and we must ensure that it remains a region of peaceful cooperation and respect for international law, with actors using a win-win-perspective when formulating strategies".

BØRGE BRENDE,
Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Maritime Preparedness and International Partnership in the High North

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The main purpose of this project is to assess the risk of the increased maritime activity in the High North and the challenges this increase may represent for the preparedness institutions in this region. We focus on cross-institutional and cross-country partnerships between preparedness institutions and companies. We elaborate on the operational management of joint operations including several parts of the preparedness system and resources from several countries.

The project goals are:

- To increase understanding of future tasks and the demands for a preparedness system in the High North including both search and rescue, oil spill recovery, fire fighting and salvage, and actions against terror or other forms of destructive action.
- To provide analytical concepts for studying coordination challenges in cross-border, multi-tasking operations
- To contribute with organizational tools for inter-organizational partnership and management of joint operations

PROJECT CONTENTS

- Work package 1. Future maritime activity level and risk patterns in the High North
- Work package 2. Institutional framework, governance, resources and institutional strategies within different sea regions
- Work package 3. Organizations and operational management structures linking cooperating institutions in joint maritime operations

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