

CEEPRA - Collaboration Network on EuroArctic Environmental Radiation Protection and Research

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An international three-year programme of cooperation between the key authorities, research organisations and stakeholders in the Arctic regions of Finland, Russia and Norway has been launched in April 2011. The aim of the CEEPRA (Collaboration Network on EuroArctic Environmental Radiation Protection and Research) project is to establish an international cooperation network in order to improve nuclear safety, emergency preparedness, monitoring capabilities and risk assessments in this region.

The project will investigate long-term effects of potential nuclear accidents in the EuroArctic region and possible impacts on the region's indigenous population, terrestrial and marine environments, reindeer husbandry, the natural product sector, tourism and industries.

The current state of the region's radioactive contamination will be studied by examining environmental samples collected from the Finnish Lapland, Finnmark and Troms in Norway, the Kola Peninsula and the Barents Sea. The results will provide new information on the spread and accumulation of radioactive substances in the food chains in Arctic regions and possible risks.

The aim of the project is also to raise awareness and knowledge in the general public and stakeholders in the EuroArctic region with respect to the radioactivity-related issues, emergency preparedness and the regional status.

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