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The Future of the Arctic

A Dutch & Norwegian Youth Perspective



Date: Wednesday, 2 December

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This autumn the Norwegian Government will present a new white paper on their Arctic Policy.

Due to climate change, geopolitical interest and economic developments, more countries realize the challenges and opportunities that come with these developments in the Arctic.

Norway's Arctic Policy is therefore not only of interest to the almost 400,000 Norwegians who live above the polar circle, but also to the rest of the world.

Historical Dutch explorations, such as those of Willem Barentsz in the late 16th century, have contributed to the understanding and development of the Arctic. Since these explorations, the Dutch have always been present in the region in one way or another. Today Dutch Arctic researchers, like those based in Ny-Ålesund (Svalbard, Norway), continue to contribute to the understanding of the region. This year the Dutch government will also update their own Polar Strategy taking into account the aforementioned developments.

Decisions taken today will be of great importance for the future development of the region. The youth will eventually face the positive and/or negative consequences of today's policies. Therefore, Norway's Ambassador to the Netherlands, Bård Ivar Svendsen, will discuss these policies with both Dutch and Norwegian youth representatives. Also joining us for the debate will be Carola van Rijnsoever, the Dutch Arctic Ambassador, who will highlight some of the priorities of the Dutch Arctic Policy.

Join us for a live moderated debate by Heleen Ekker (NOS) on Wednesday 2 December at 14:00 and get the chance to ask questions or comment to both Ambassadors and the Dutch and Norwegian Youth Representatives.



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