

Reykjanesbær/Keflavik, March 15–16, 2023

Joint Arctic SAR event



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The Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO), the Icelandic Coast Guard (ICG) and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Northern Norway (JRCC NN) have the pleasure of inviting cruise operators, SAR responders and other relevant stakeholders to join us for the 6th Joint Arctic Search and Rescue (SAR) event in Iceland March 15–16, 2023. The overall objective for the Joint Arctic SAR event is to ensure safe Arctic cruise

Turning findings into action

During the last decade, Arctic Search and Rescue (SAR) entities and the Arctic expedition cruise industry have strengthened their collaboration through exercises and other activities. The five past Joint Arctic SAR TTX and Workshops are among these, as is the recent ARCSAR LIVEX in Svalbard. Other national and local initiatives, as well as operator individual initiatives adds to the list of exercises.

What all the exercises have in common, are findings. Every exercise has given valuable learnings and takeaways. There are many reports listing areas and issues that can gain from improvement and/or development.

The 2023 Joint Arctic SAR event will not include a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) but instead focus on how the SAR entities and the cruise industry can transform findings into actions.

On this background, the organizers invite participants to be part of a workshop where we will discuss solutions and the way forward, exchange ideas and develop actions points and recommendations.

The event will also include presentations and learnings from incidents and major developments throughout the Arctic. Finally, the event will include relevant SAR responder demonstrations.

Why a Joint Arctic SAR event?

Cruise industry representatives, SAR responders and others have described previous joint SAR events, as well as the collaboration between SAR responders and the cruise industry, as highly valuable for strengthening and further developing SAR preparedness and response in the Arctic.

This collaboration has improved the dialogue and cooperation across sectors, leading to a greater understanding of the competencies, capacities and capabilities of the different actors, including limitations and potentials.

The event has also consolidated its reputation as a highly important networking platform.



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What can you expect?

Event objectives

- Identify innovation and new development
- Enhance contact, dialogue and cooperation between the cruise industry and SAR entities
- Share information, experience and best practices
- Identify, communicate, and close gaps
- Ensure best possible utilization of all assets, resources and competence
- Focus on problem solving and solutions



Workshop

- National programs and development
- Breakout sessions
"Turning findings into actions"



Insight

- Sharing experiences from incidents
- Take-aways from most recent live and and table top exercises.



Demonstrations

- Display of air drop equipment by Air Transport Wing Aalborg
- Coast Guard demonstration

Place and time

Reykjanesbær/Keflavik, Iceland
March 15–16, 2023

Registration fee

A registration fee (to be determined) will cover coffee-breaks, two lunches, reception, and dinner with drinks.

Participants

This event will be open to relevant participants from operating members of AECO, such as commanding bridge officers, management and staff with roles in SAR operations, and relevant participants from Arctic search and rescue entities, such as personnel involved in Arctic maritime search and rescue operations. Due to limited capacity, early registration is recommended. Other interested parties such as authorities and researchers are also welcome, if capacity allows.

Practical information

Travel: Participants make their own travel arrangements.

Venue: Park Inn by Radisson Reykjavik Keflavik Airport, Hafnargata 57, 230, Keflavik

Accommodation: Participants should book their own accommodation at the Park Inn by Radisson Reykjavik Keflavik Airport. The cut-off date for hotel bookings is 28.02.23:

Send an email to groupbookings.keflavik@parkinn.com and provide the reservation number 40624150 or the name AECO

Registration

Registration is now open on [AECO's website](#). Please register as soon as possible, and no later than March 7, 2023.

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