

Blue-Action Statement of Ethics and Coherent Principles for Engagement

Blue-Action is an EU Horizon 2020 funded programme of work, focussed on improving Arctic climate modelling, prediction, and forecasting, and improving the provision of climate services for blue growth. The project and its members recognize that we are accountable to the public for the work carried out, and the way that it is carried out. Engaging with businesses, policymakers, Arctic community members, NGOs, and other stakeholders is an intrinsic part of Blue-Action. This Ethics statement sets out the guiding principles and procedures by which we will engage in and carry out our work.

Political and Ethical Principles

It is in the interest of the Blue-Action project to engage all relevant stakeholders with the outcomes of our work which aims:

To actively improve our ability to describe, model, and predict Arctic climate change and its impact on Northern Hemisphere climate, weather and their extremes, and to deliver valued climate services of societal benefit.

To achieve this aim, we must have a strong ethos, coupled with environmentally and socially responsible activities and communication strategies.

Blue-Action and our partners will:

- Operate with honesty and integrity in all our work, taking steps to identify and deal with corrupt scientific practices and professional misconduct.
- Be open and transparent in making decisions and in undertaking our activities. If this is not possible, we will explain why.
- Reach conclusions based on best scientific and professional practice, having considered all views.
- Recognise appropriately the intellectual, scientific support and operational contributions of others.
- Consider ethical challenges which arise from new research at the limits of our knowledge by broadening debate at an early stage.
- Weigh any possible adverse impacts of proposed work against the expected benefits, while considering the economic, social and environmental dimensions.
- Assess and minimise the adverse impacts of our decisions and work on the natural environment, on people and on animal welfare.
- Disclose conflicts of interest and actively manage them.

Project Management and Representation

The project office at DMI will monitor ethics issues throughout the duration of the project, and ensure that they are identified and appropriately handled. If an individual, project partner, or stakeholder has identified an ethical issue, they should discuss it with the project office in the first instance.



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