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WP2 – TA Proposal management service

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Objectives



To ensure efficient, streamlined and high quality management of the TA provision in POLARIN, including:

- **Technical management** of the TA provision chain (launching of calls, proposal submission and evaluation, project reporting)
- **Follow-up** of the TA provision (reporting of TA use at RI, statistics, collection of feedback and publications)
- **Quality Assurance** of TA provision (development of QAP with KPIs and related follow-up and assessment)



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Transnational Access in POLARIN



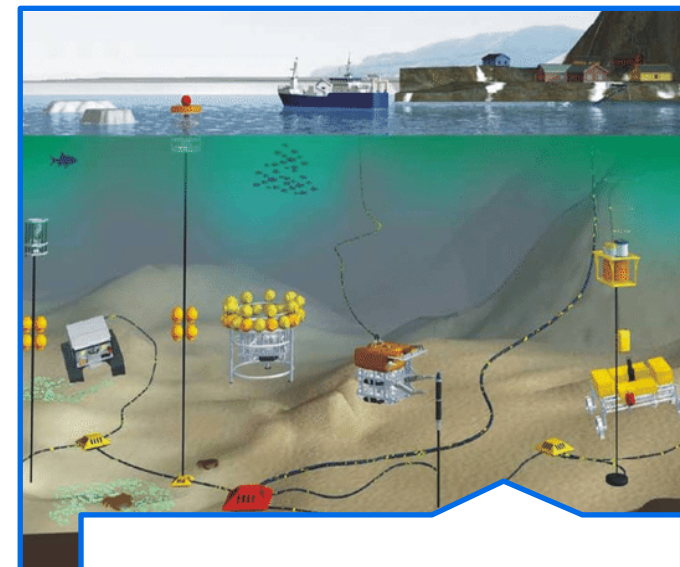
64 RIs in both poles offer Transnational Access (TA) in POLARIN.



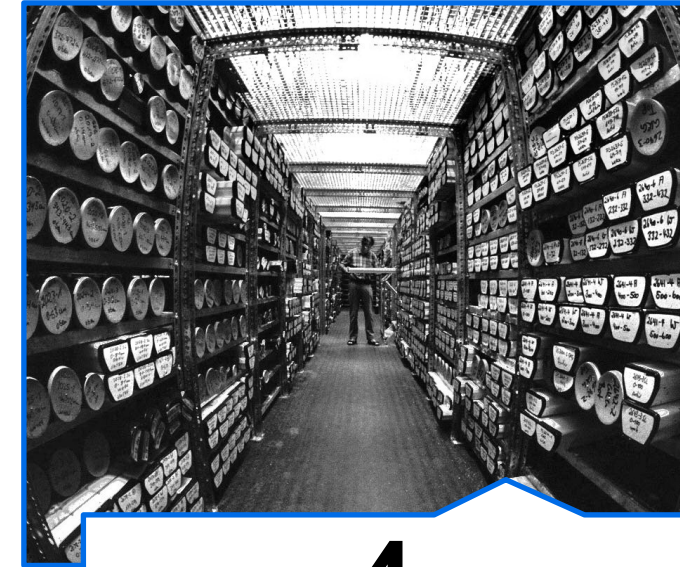
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Research stations



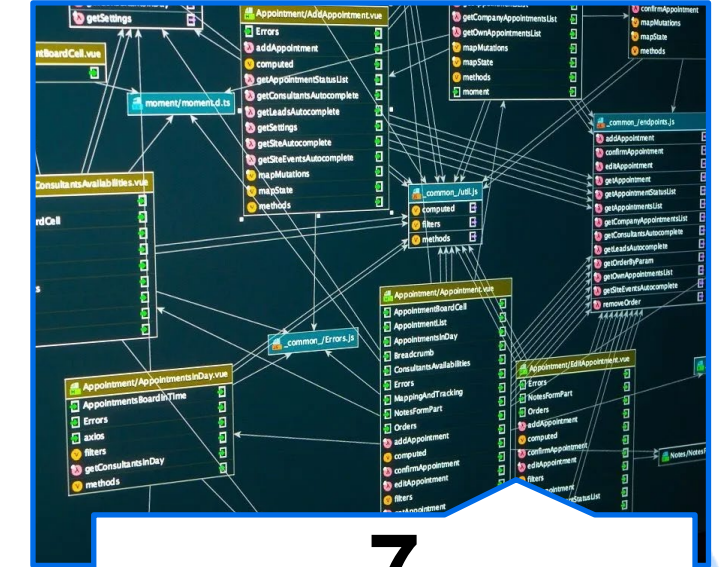
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Polar research vessels



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Observatories



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Ice and sediment core repositories



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Data infrastructures

5927 units of in-person and remote access offered in 2024-2028.

Tasks



- Task 2.1 Integration of access procedures and call implementation (M1-M60) (INPA, INKODE, UOULU, ULUND)
- Task 2.2 Logistic evaluation of proposals (M1-48) (UTM-CSIC, AWI)
- Task 2.3 Quality Assurance and follow-up implementation (M9-M60) (UOULU, ULUND)



Task 2.1 Integration of access procedures and call implementation (INPA, INKODE, UOULU, ULUND) (M1-M60)



Objective and activities:

- Integrate TA modalities (in-person and remote access) and RI into an **integrated access provision system, INTERACCESS**, that will handle the TA applications from call opening to proposal submission and reporting.
- **Implement, coordinate and manage** the integrated access provision in POLARIN.



Task 2.2 Logistic evaluation of proposals (UTM-CSIC, AWI) (M1-48)

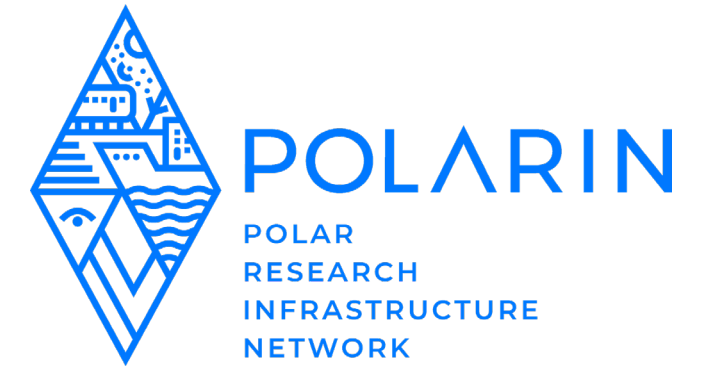


Objective and activities:

- Develop and **coordinate the logistic evaluation** of proposals recommended for implementation by the SLP
- **Implement Infrastructure Operators Forum** that will gather together all POLARIN RI operators offering TA.
- Coordinate **access decisions** done by RI operators in INTERACCESS, according to the **guidelines, procedure and criteria developed for logistic evaluation** in Task 2.1.

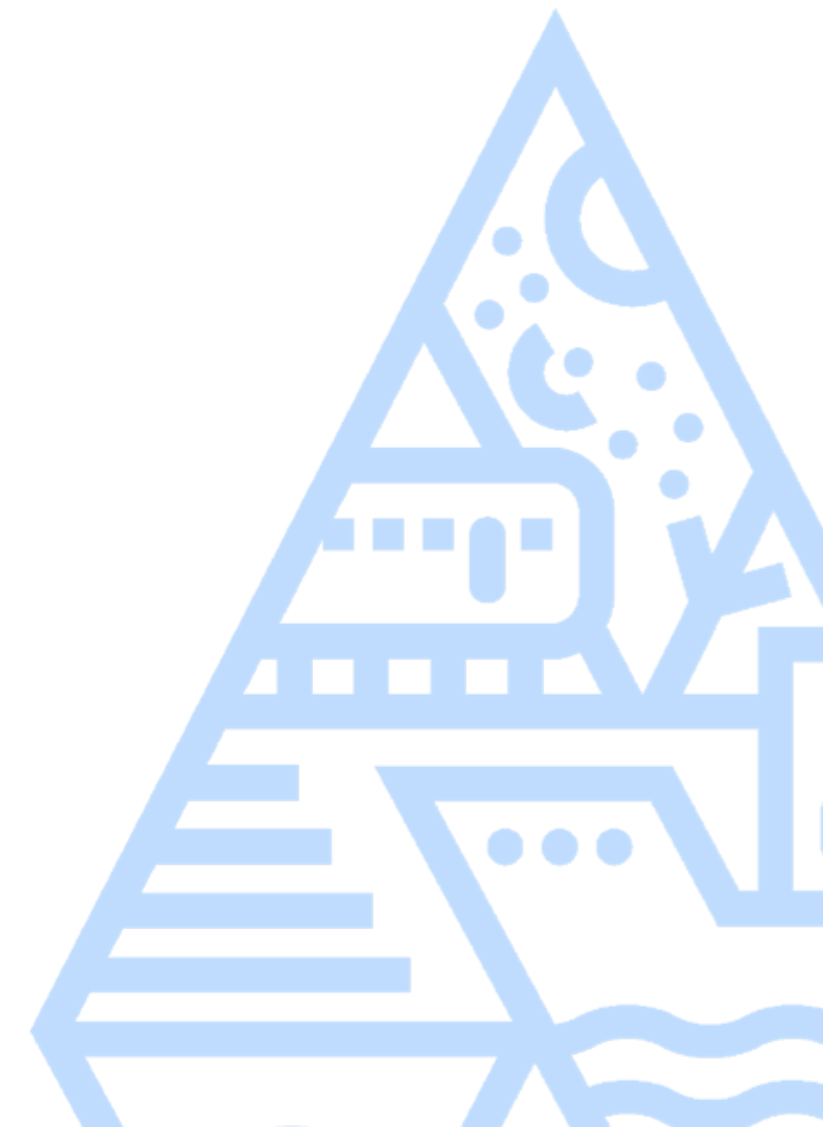


Task 2.3 Quality Assurance and follow-up implementation (UOULU, ULUND) (M9-M60)



Objective and activities:

- Develop a **Quality Assurance Programme** (QAP), covering the whole chain of access provision from call opening to proposal submission and reporting.
- QAP will ensure the **integration, efficiency and high quality of access provision**, enabling the **operation of TA as a coherent and streamlined instrument** across RIs, access modalities, domains and geographical regions.



Approach



WP2 activities are geared to:

- Develop an integrated **TA process that is efficient, practical and feasible** to be implemented in large scale, while ensuring high quality of research, access provision and related services.
- Provide **guidance, support and information** to RIs and TA users and other POLARIN WPs.
- Develop POLARIN TA to a **world-class integrated access service** by implementing a quality assurance programme covering the whole chain of access provision.





Upcoming deliverables and milestones (Year 1)

D2.1 Report on requisites for access and description of the logistic evaluation procedure, (CSIC, Sept -24), M7

M2.1 Logistic evaluation procedure provided for INTERACCESS updates (CSIC), M7

M2.2 Beta testing of INTERACCESS (INKODE), M10 **Advanced to M8**

M2.3 Launching of the first call for proposals (UOULU), M12 **Advanced to M9-10**

All activities are in progress.

First POLARIN TA Call opens in Nov-Dec 2024.

Next steps for implementation



1. Working on the **logistic evaluation procedure**
2. Kicking off the **IOF activities**; on-line meetings with RI groups in May.
3. Continuing **INTERACCESS development**; 1st demo in June-July.
4. Continuing **collaboration with WPI on TA process, scientific evaluation procedure and criteria**.



Critical risks for implementation



- Complexity of access provision in POLARIN, e.g.
 - Variety of scientific disciplines and RI types
 - Combined, challenge-based, integrated TA
- Keeping the critical stages of access provision chain manageable, e.g.
 - Eligibility requirements and check
 - Scientific evaluation
 - Logistic evaluation

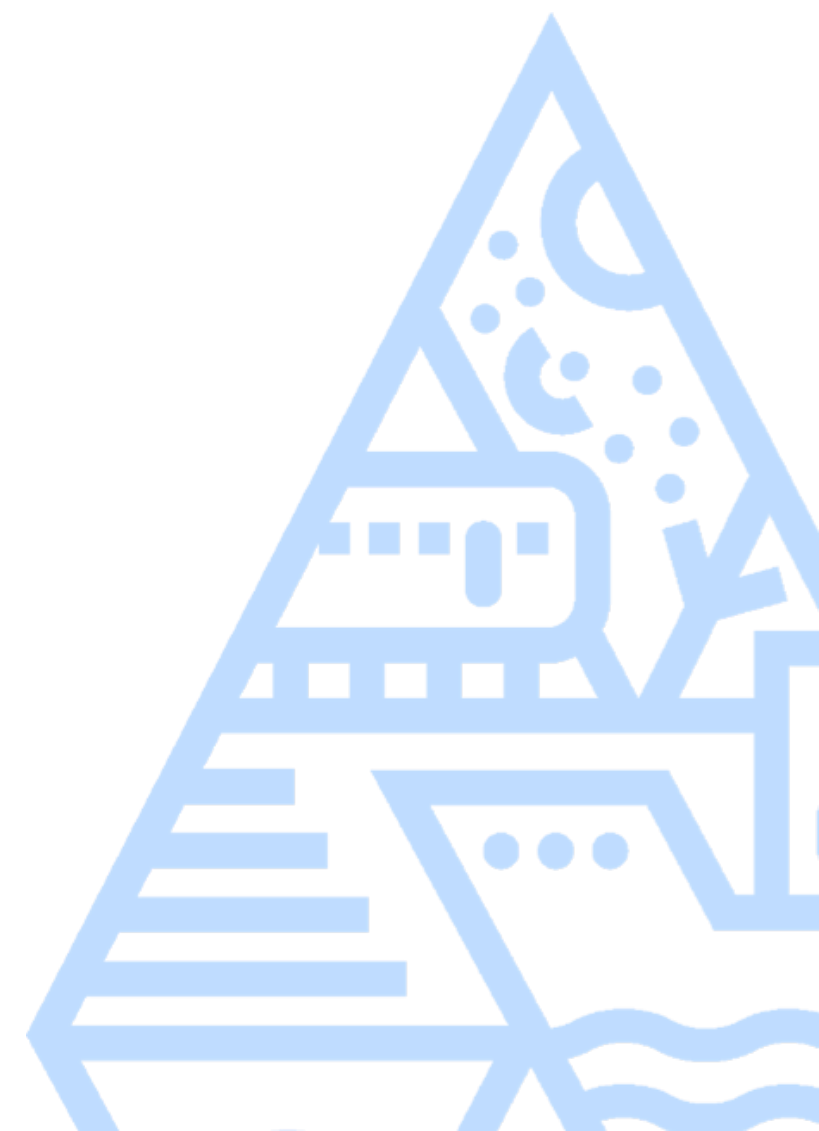
Can be overcome by close collaboration of the POLARIN WPs who design the different parts of the access provision chain!



Collaboration with other WPs and programmes



- **WP1:** participation in Task 1.1 and 1.2. including feeding of the scientific evaluation procedure, criteria, and TA recommendations into INTERACCESS.
- **WP5:** contributing to the development of a Virtual Access portal, taking part in the monitoring and evaluation of the VA provision.
- **RI operator organizations** (e.g. FARO, COMNAP, EPB, ERVO): learning from and aligning with common procedures and best practices.
- **AQUARIUS:** joint INTERACCESS development, alignment of evaluation procedure and criteria and with other procedures where relevant.



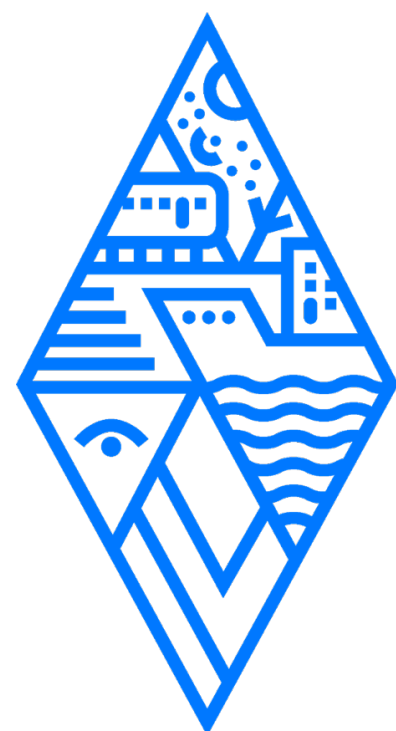
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