

# Arctic Freshwater Capital in the Nordic Countries -Final seminar of CAPITAL-project

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, Helsinki, Finland

CAPITAL project will organize a [final seminar](#) as a part of the [UArctic Congress 2018](#).

## Background

Arctic Freshwater Capital in the Nordic Countries ([CAPITAL](#)) project (2016-2018) is a flagship project for the Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The project is an evaluation of the socio-economic benefits of the use and management of surface waters in northern / Arctic areas in the Nordic countries. The project builds on the previous Nordic Council of Ministers projects and reports about the valuation of ecosystem services and natural capital accounting. The project studies human environment interaction using water, environmental and ecosystem accounting, interviews and economic modelling. The project also explores how the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) statistics can be used in



Enontekiö, Finland. Photo: Ulla-Maija Liukko

integrated and innovative way through environmental accounting to help with decision making.



Kittilä, Finland. Photo: Pekka Luukkola

## Objectives of the session:

1. to get an overview on the status of the arctic freshwaters and their biodiversity and on their recent development
2. to describe ecosystem accounting and its relevance to the EU Biodiversity Strategy and to the Sustainable Development Goals
3. to present the findings from the CAPITAL project and
4. to discuss how this knowledge can best support decision making

## Draft agenda:

**Arctic freshwater synthesis, threats and resources** (Keynote by Dr. Arne Instanes)

**Ecosystem accounting and SDG** (Keynote by Ole Gravgård Pedersen)

**Results of the CAPITAL project:**

**Insights about environmental accounting in Nordic countries**

**What kind of questions can be answered with water accounts**

**Trade-offs between economy and environment**

**Synthesis, future perspectives and panel discussion**

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# About UArctic Congress 2018

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UArctic Congress 2018 begins in Oulu, September 3-6 and concludes in Helsinki on September 7. It brings together key UArctic meetings and a science conference into one single gathering. The event is an integral part of Finland's Arctic Council chairmanship program, highlighting the themes and [priorities of the Finnish chairmanship](#), including the goals of the [United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), supporting gender equality, and the [Paris Agreement](#) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

With the aim to foster contacts and enhance networking, the UArctic Congress brings together institutional leaders, indigenous representatives, academics, scientists and students from around the Circumpolar North and beyond. Together with partners, policy makers, and other actors, the Congress strives to take the Arctic agenda forward by creating and strengthening collaborations that produce new findings and solutions for the future of the Arctic region.

**The UArctic Congress 2018 will feature Science and Meeting sections, including:**

- Sessions aligned with the four priorities of Finland's chairmanship; i.e. environmental protection, connectivity, meteorological cooperation, and education.
- Acclaimed keynote speakers and scientific experts presenting their views and latest research.
- UArctic meetings for representatives of the Council, Thematic Networks, and rectors.
- Side meetings and events.
- An exciting cultural and social program.

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<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b>	<b>Until July 15</b>	<b>Until September 7*</b>
Congress Pass	500 €	550 €
Meeting Pass	330 €	380 €
Student Pass	320 €	370 €
Helsinki Pass	150 €	170 €

## **Congress Pass**

- Full science and meeting program in Oulu and Helsinki (Mon-Fri)
- Social event at Maikkula Mansion (Tue)
- Congress Dinner at Oulu City Theatre (Tue)
- Welcoming Reception in Helsinki (Thu)
- Reception at Helsinki City Hall (Fri)
- Lunches and coffees marked in the program
- Congress bus transfers in Oulu

## **Meeting Pass**

- Meeting sessions and Opening plenary in Oulu (Mon-Tue)
- Social event at Maikkula Mansion (Tue)
- Congress Dinner at Oulu City Theatre (Tue)
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- Congress bus transfers in Oulu

## **Helsinki Pass**

- An option for those participants who will attend the Congress only in Helsinki (Thu-Fri)
- Welcoming Reception in Helsinki (Thu)
- Full science program in Helsinki (Fri)
- Reception at Helsinki City Hall (Fri)
- Lunch and coffees marked in the program