

The Arctic Region – Challenges and Opportunities

Finnish-Spanish Seminar on Arctic Issues

Time: 7 March 2019, 10:00

Place: Residence of the Ambassador of Finland, C/ Piedralaves, 1, Colonia Puerta de Hierro

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Programme

- 09:30 Registration and morning coffee
- 10:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
Ms. Tiina Jortikka-Laitinen, Ambassador of Finland in Spain
Mr. Emilio Lamo de Espinosa, Chairman of the Elcano Royal Institute
- 10:15 **The Arctic: Geostrategic Aspects**
Mr. Félix Arteaga, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute
- 10.35 **The State of Arctic Cooperation**
Mr. Aleksi Härkönen, Ambassador, Chair of the Arctic Council Senior Officials,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.30 **Meteorological Cooperation in the Arctic Region**
Mr. Juhani Damski, Director General, Finnish Meteorological Institute
- 11.50 **Spanish scientific interest in the Arctic. Ongoing cooperation**
Mr. Rafael Rodrigo, Secretary General of Coordination of Scientific Policy and
Chair of the Spanish Polar Committee.
- 12.25 **Economic Opportunities in the Arctic Region**
Mr. Tero Vauraste, Chair of the Arctic Economic Council
- 13.00 **Arctic Policy of Finland**
Ms. Nina Brander, Senior Specialist, Prime Minister's Office of Finland
- 13.20 **Polar Strategy of Spain**
Ms. Cristina Serrano, Director General of International Economic Relations
Mr. Francisco Aguilera Aranda, Senior Arctic Official of Spain, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain
- 13.40 **Open Discussion**
- 14.00 Buffet lunch

