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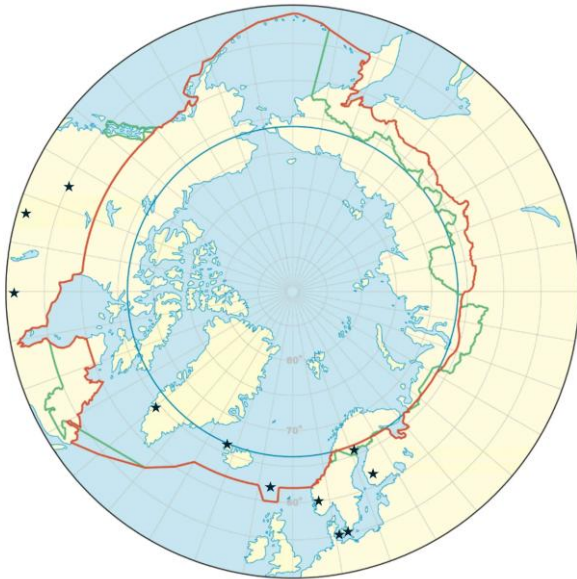
Addressing Unavoidable
Non-Economic Losses to Climate-Induced
Events for Communities in the Arctic



LostToClimate Research Project

Arctic is experiencing some of the fastest warming on the planet. Despite adaptation measures, these impacts undermine the well-being of Arctic communities, both economically (e.g., by damaging infrastructure) and non-economically (e.g., by damaging cultural heritage and psychosocial health).

In most countries, non-economic losses and damages (e.g., cultural heritage, mental health) escape policy metrics and are thus neglected in public policy. This neglect is unfortunate due to the profound negative impact of non-economic losses and damages on the well-being of present and future generations.



Partner locations

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"People are already talking about a lost generation in the area."

- Deatnu River, Ohcejohka, Sámi homeland area, Finland

Better and more climate adaptation should lessen (economic and) non-economic losses and damages. There is a point at which the additional improvements in human and ecological capital that more adaptation would bring may not be worth the additional investment. Both the type of information required to make these decisions and the decision-making processes that can achieve socially just outcomes are unknown. In this project, we aim to bridge these knowledge gaps.

Arctic communities

LostToClimate is an effort in knowledge co-production. It involves an interdisciplinary team of scientists and rural Arctic communities in Finland, Sweden, Norway, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Canada, and the United States of America, including Indigenous communities. The project relies on a range of ethnographic methods, including art-based approaches to elicit participation and community-specific dialogues.

In the project, we will answer four research questions:

- What types of non-economic losses and damages are expected?
- What trade-offs are communities willing to make?
- What evidence supports just responses?
- What responses to non-economic losses and damages do Arctic communities prefer?

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