# **Polar Connect** Vision 2030

#### POLAR-CONNECT







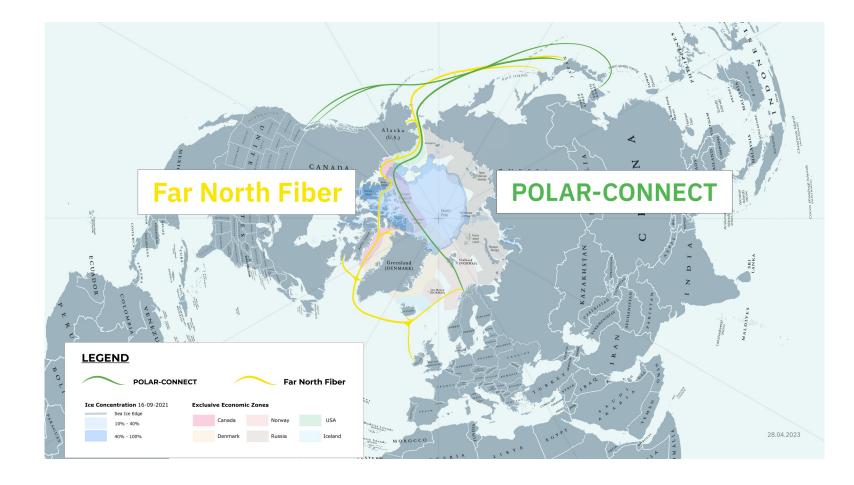
# NPF the next step of Polar Connect

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# Geopolitical "why"



- Complementary to existing Suez Area connections
- Northern European fast track to Asia
- Strengthens and supports EU digital sovereignty
- Part of EU Global Data Gateways concept
- Geopolitical considerations







#### Margrethe Vestager 🏶 @vestager · Apr 30 Strong calls at 1st day of @G7 Digital & Tech meeting, including: Thew #internet subsea cable connecting 💿 • • • Promotion of trusted vendors to increase #cybersecurity of our #digital infrastructure

New governance forum for democracies to enable safe flow of #data



#### High relevance – Margrethe Vestager at G7

"If we can envision a subsea cable that can connect Europe with Japan and the West Coast of Canada and US. We could drastically reduce latency(...) The business benefits are really obvious(...)"

Results of G7 Digital and Tech Ministers' Meeting in Takasaki, Gunma <a href="https://g7digital-tech-2023.go.jp/en/topics/topics\_20230430.html">https://g7digital-tech-2023.go.jp/en/topics/topics\_20230430.html</a>

*Ministerial Declaration The G7 Digital and Tech Ministers* <u>https://g7digital-tech-2023.go.jp/topics/pdf/pdf\_20230430/ministerial\_declaration\_dtmm.pdf</u>







### Drivers for submarine cable systems Connectivity

Increasing digitalisation demands sufficient backbone connections, within and between EU member states, as well as with EU's strategic partner countries.

Multiple connections (cables) give redundancy and resilience.





### Green datacenters in the far north



MORE EFFICIENT AND CHEAPER TO MOVE DATA THAN ENERGY



FREE COOLING AND REUSE OF EXCESSIVE HEAT



LOCAL EXCESS ENERGY -DUE TO LACK OF POWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Northern EU Gateway





# Climate

- Global warming
  - Sea level rise
  - Ocean heat, circulation
- SMARTcables Technologies
  - Repeater + sensors
- Protecting/monitoring the cables themselves
- Supporting arctic and climate research





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North Pole Fiber

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Far North Fiber





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