

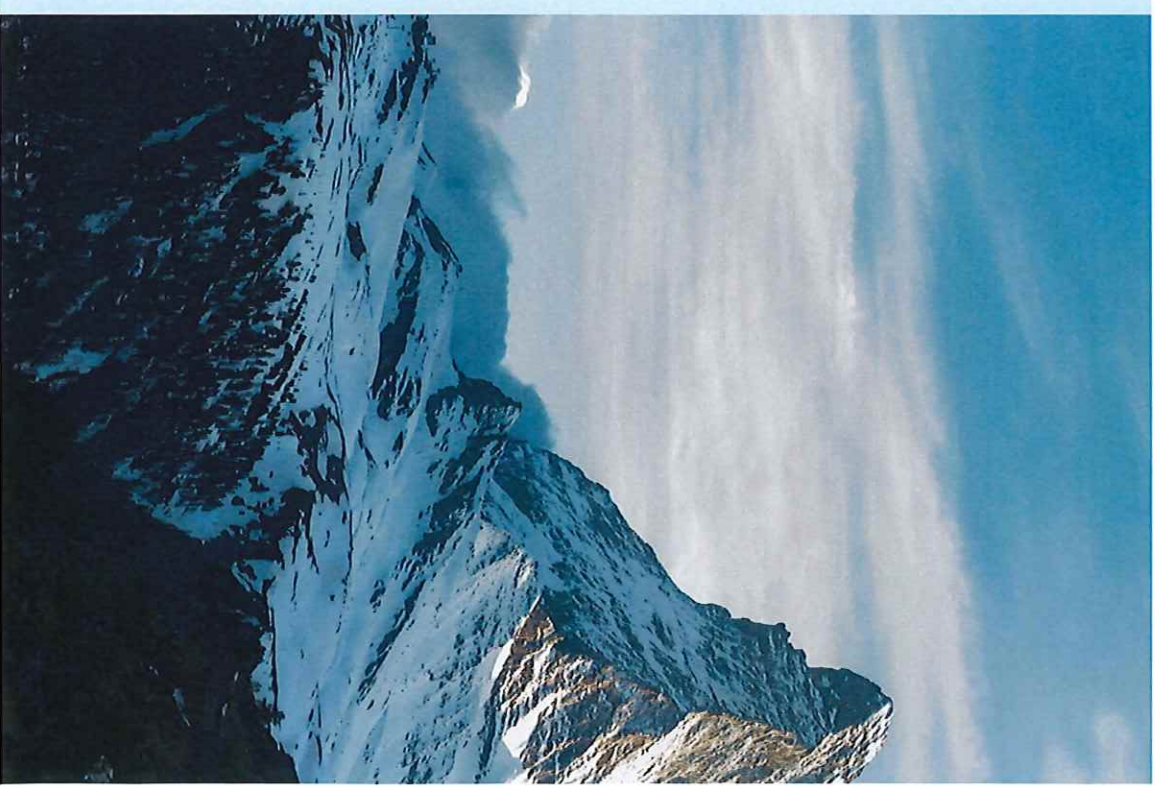


The Arctic Mayors' Forum

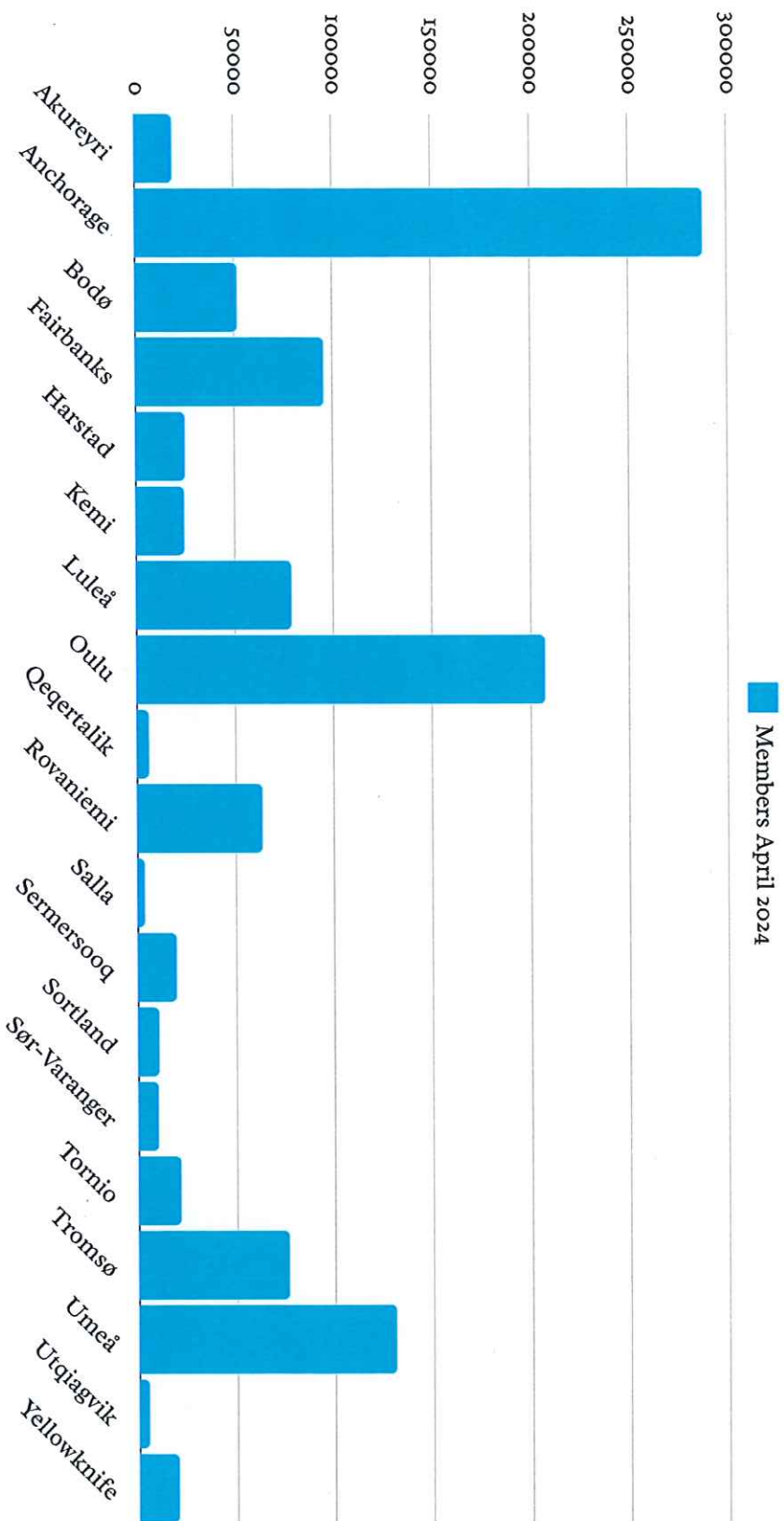


Introduction

The Arctic Mayors' Forum has proven itself to be a permanent and constructive partner for cross-border cooperation with an obligation to maintain and promote the interests of all inhabitants in the Arctic. AMF is growing and currently has 18 members from seven Arctic states, representing over 1.1 million inhabitants. AMF has experienced great demand and interest from various Arctic stakeholders to contribute experiences and views on issues related to challenges for Arctic cities and communities.



AMMF Members



what we work on



Health and Mental Wellbeing

In October of 2023 AMF members met and agreed that the health and wellbeing of our citizens will be our strategic priority for the 2024-2027 period.



Attractiveness & Retention

As access to the Arctic's natural resources becomes easier, there is an increasing need for skills and talent to meet new demands. We must develop infrastructure and access to services that either don't exist or need improvement.



Sustainable Development

Arctic communities must be at the table during discussions on sustainable development. Arctic Mayors are dedicated to listening to what Arctic inhabitants say, without pre-judging the outcome.



Youth

Arctic Mayors feel a special responsibility to the young people who will one day lead us through challenging times defined by climate change and geo-political instability.



Working With Partners

The Arctic is as diverse as the people that call it home and the Arctic Mayors' Forum works with a variety of stakeholders to cooperate on activities that directly benefit the Peoples and communities of the Arctic.

AMF is a key stakeholder in the Arctic Urban and Regional Cooperation (AURC). AMF members make up the majority of the 15 member cohort. The program was launched in January 2024 and has ongoing activities through 2026.

Arctic Urban and
Regional Cooperation

AMF is responsible for implementing a mentorship program with two cohorts, running for 18 months each. The aim is to provide youth with the experiences and tools they need to effectively advocate for policy changes on issues important to the livelihoods of youth in the Arctic and in Europe.

Youth Together for
Arctic Futures

EU Projects

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Within AMF

AMF provides a unique platform for local leaders to speak across Arctic borders. Together we can collaborate on issues that impact our citizens. Our Secretariat in Tromsø is our hub for facilitating our work.

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With Arctic Partners

We have a growing network of Arctic partners keen to work with us on topics of common concern. This includes other Arctic organisations, think tanks, foundations, academia, youth organisations, businesses and the EU.

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Globally

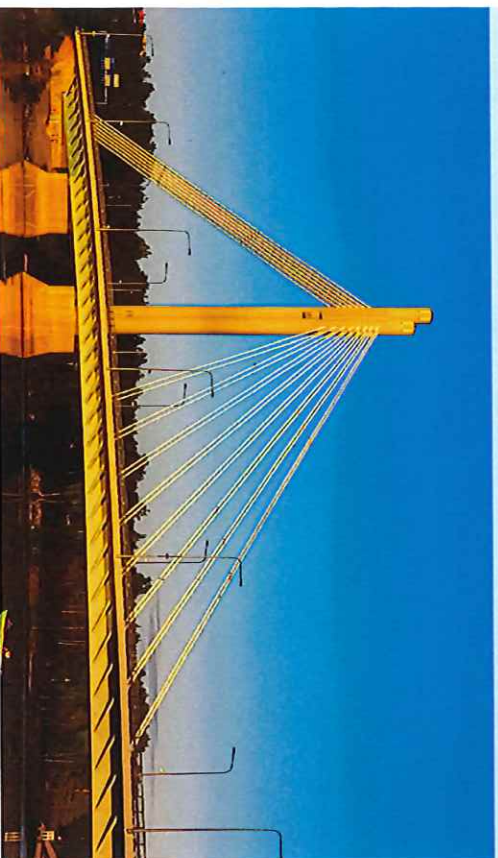
As the Arctic becomes more present in the global conversation, AMF seeks to ensure that local concerns are part of the narrative presented to global partners.

AMF is a success story for Arctic mayors and community leaders. In the short time since AMF has been operational, we have proven to be a valuable political innovation that has formalized international cooperation among local leaders.

cooperation leads to
community resilience

Working Together

AMF members share many of the same priority areas and agreed that our cooperation should be rooted in strengthening cross-border cooperation. AMF members remain committed to ensuring that the voices of Arctic citizens, as well as those who choose the Arctic to be their home, are heard.



Leverage common agendas

Together, members of the AMF can work together to achieve common goals in a period of time defined by the challenges of climate change and geo-political instability.



Help Identify Issues and Trends

Mayors and community leaders are a “first stop” for identifying emerging trends in the Arctic. Top down: regional, national and international policies impact residents. Bottom up: local leaders see and hear what is impacting residents first.



Undertake practical actions with big impact

AMF is committed to moving beyond talk and take actions that engage our communities and encourage “made in the Arctic” solutions that build resilience.



Continued Commitment

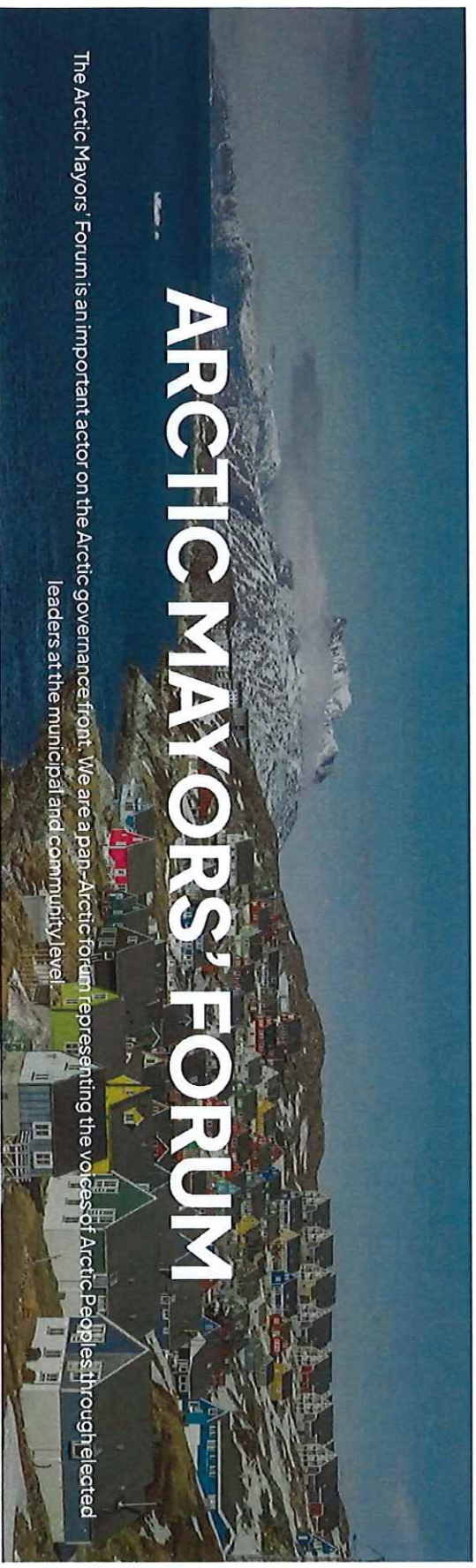
Working across borders at the local and regional level requires leadership and coordination. By working together we can reduce overlap and duplication of work, making the most of limited funding.

Thank You



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The Arctic Mayors' Forum is an important actor on the Arctic governance front. We are a pan-Arctic forum representing the voices of Arctic Peoples through elected leaders at the municipal and community level.

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Arctic Mayors' Forum
c/o Patti Bruns, Secretary General
patti@arcticmayors.com

DATE, 2024

Dear Secretary General Bruns and the Arctic Mayors' Forum Executive Committee,

This letter is to serve as a request for the Municipality of Kotzebue to be considered for membership to the Arctic Mayors' Forum.

The Municipality of Kotzebue is ADD KEY DEMOGRAPHICS with NUMBER OF inhabitants. ADD A SENTENCE ABOUT WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT KOTZEBUE. INCLUDE HERE ANYTHING PRESSING OR URGENT YOU ARE DEALING WITH and/or what you would like to address in the AMF.

ADD two to three sentences about Kotzebue's social and economic opportunities and perspectives. This might include services offered to residents and what drives the economy.

ADD two to three sentences about arts and culture, inclusion of young people, and Indigenous Peoples in local affairs, sports etc.

Add CLOSING PARA for example (below is a suggestion):

While Kotzebue has much to offer its residents, we share the challenges of many other Arctic communities, increased climate impacts, disjointed or inadequate infrastructure, land use conflicts, housing, and workforce shortages, and more. These are issues that face all municipalities but require different solutions fit for extreme Arctic conditions. Our interest in the Arctic Mayors' Forum is to share our knowledge, to learn from each other and to build our cooperation to safeguard our thriving Arctic communities.

Yours Sincerely,

NAME and SIGNATURE OF MAYOR/ELECTED LEADER