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Council conclusions on the Arctic

The Council discussed the future **integrated EU policy for the Arctic** with a view to set out a coherent response to the environmental, economic and social challenges of the region, on the basis of the joint communication by the High Representative and the Commission issued in April 2016. An important objective of the EU is to contribute to **enhancing socio-economic resilience** in the Arctic region, which is home to 4 million inhabitants, while also enhancing **environmental resilience**.

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