

# PAME

Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

# EA COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

## INFORMATION BROCHURE



# BACKGROUND

PAME is in working towards establishing a “Community of Practice” (CoP) to support the ongoing work on Ecosystem Approach to management (EA) for the Arctic marine environment. The aim is to create an easy to use platform for experts to communicate and share information.

The joint EA expert group with the participation of Arctic Council working groups working on marine-related activities has identified a need for a mechanism to facilitate exchange of information and experiences gained to support the development of a common and coordinated approach to the implementation of the EA by Arctic states. The joint EA expert group will play an important role in CoP by facilitating exchange of information and provide guidance to contribute to a common approach among Arctic Council member states.

# COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)

## WHAT

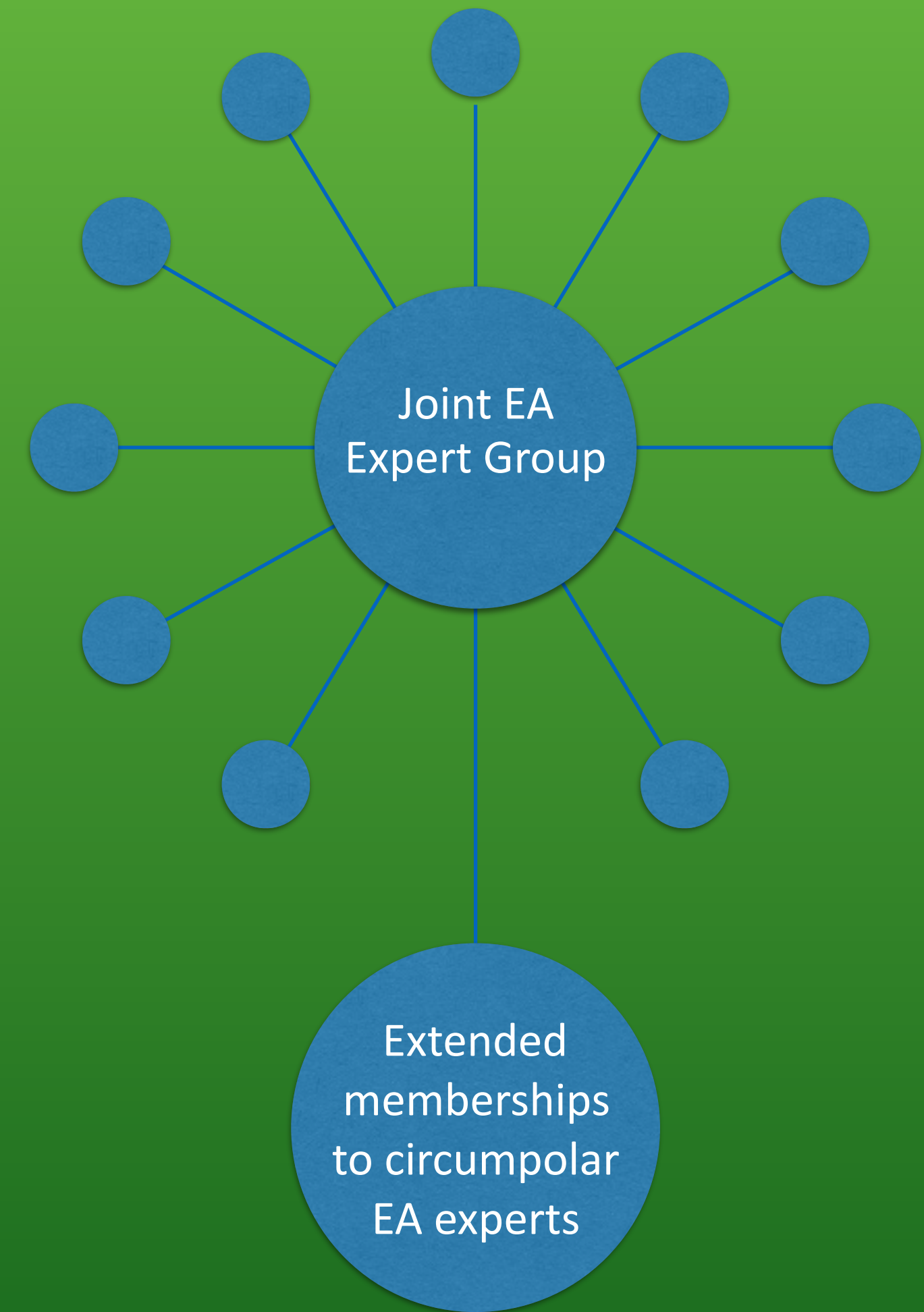
A CoP is a group of people who share the same interest. In this case the interest is EA in the Arctic. The Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) established the group to further widen participation from EA experts and others who engage in EA matters.

The **purpose** of a CoP is to share knowledge and experience to operate tasks more efficiently.

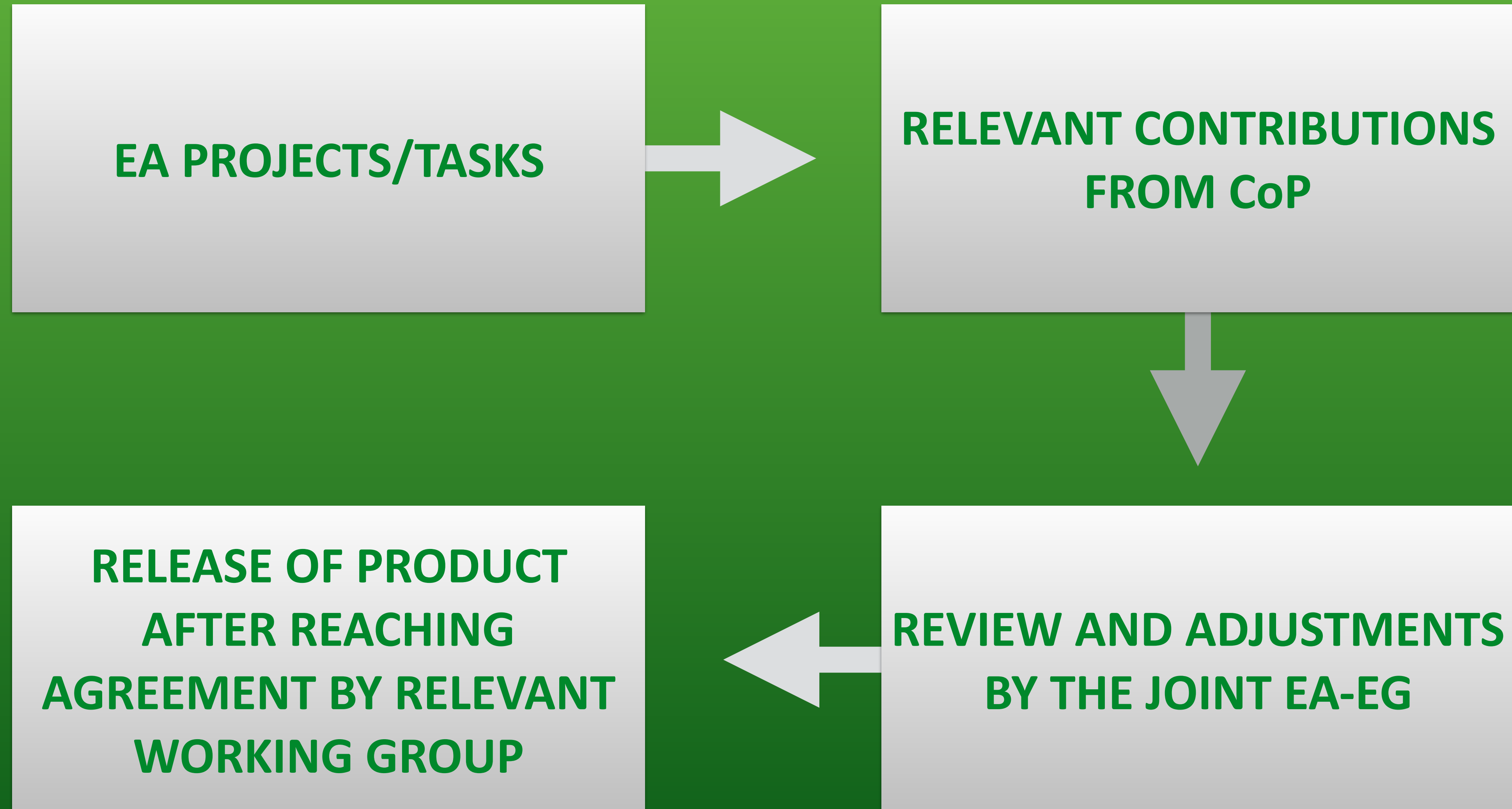
## PURPOSE

# MEMBERS

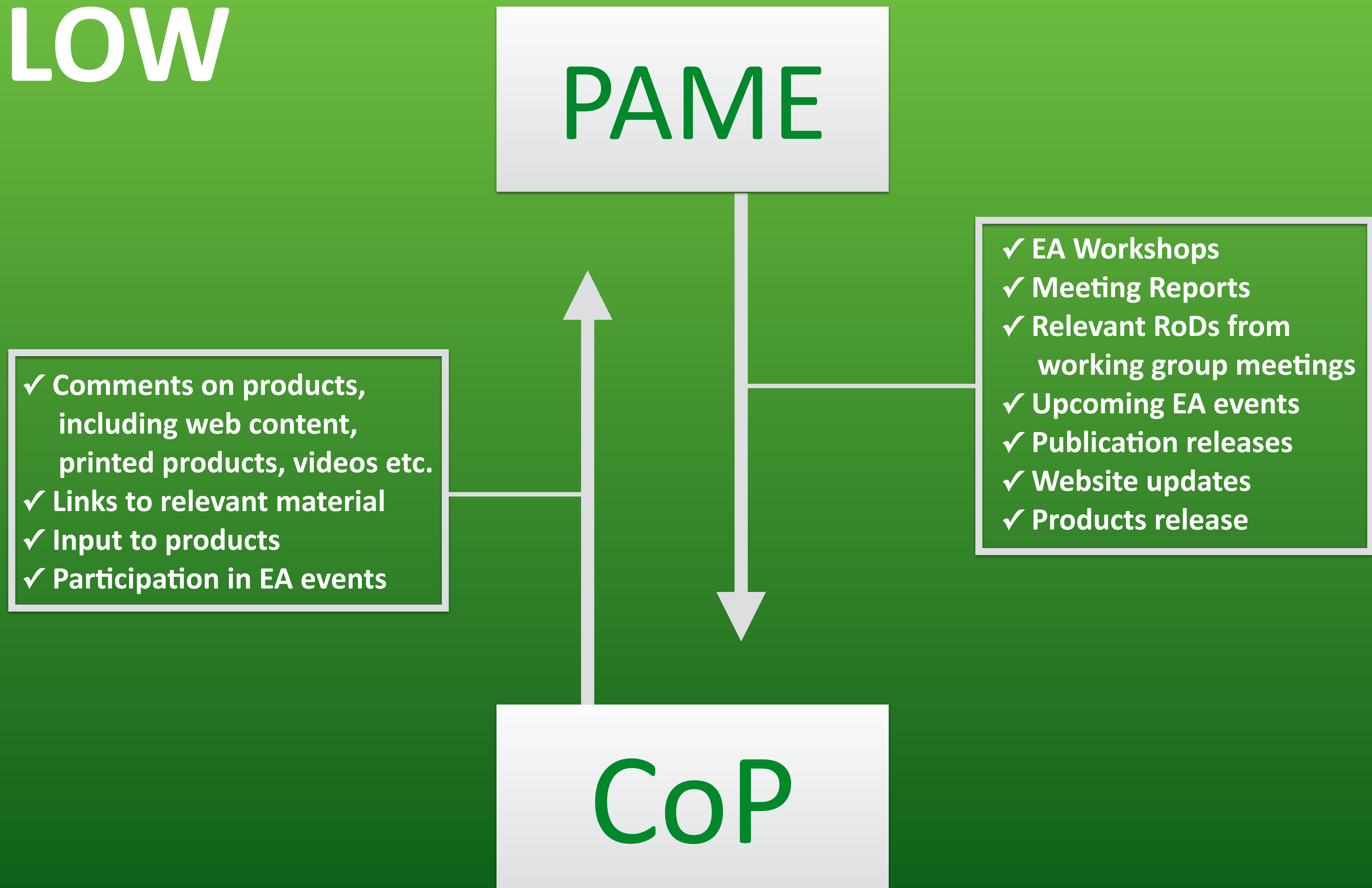
Key CoP participants include members of the joint EA expert group and will be invited to identify relevant participants. The PAME Secretariat provides the administrative function for this community. CoPs consist first and foremost of practitioners; experts who perform the same job or collaborate on a shared task. The Community acts like an in-house professional society, cutting across team and divisional boundaries.



# CoP IN PAME EA PROJECTS/TASKS



# INFORMATION FLOW



# LAUNCH PROCESS

The EA CoP was established in 2015 by PAME following extensive discussions with the leads of the joint EA-EG. The model of the CoP is work in progress and will be continuously shaped and updated with the participation from the joint EA-EG. Below is a step-by-step process in advancing the development of EA CoP.

## CoP DEFINITION

- Mission -
- Objectives -

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## ROLES

- Project Lead -
- Core team -
- Extended team -

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## LOGISTICS

- Communication -
- CoP Expansion -

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## FOCUS AREAS

- Initiatives -
- Goals -
- Action plans -

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**MISSION**

To further expand the work of EA work on marine-related activities, including within PAME, and consult with experts on publications, content and reports, and to ensure outreach to relevant participants on EA matters.

**OBJECTIVES**

To consult with experts on publications, content, reports and releases from PAME, and to ensure outreach to relevant participants on EA matters.





**PROJECT LEAD**

The PAME Secretariat will provide the administrative function in close cooperation with the co-leads of the EA-EG.

**CORE TEAM**

The joint EA-EG.

**EXTENDED TEAM**

All experts nominated by the joint EA-EG.

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**COMMUNICATION**

Through e-mails and a designated EA site on the PAME homepage that has been created specifically for the purpose of this CoP.

**CoP EXPANSION**

The CoP will be tasked to expand the group as appropriate. It is envisioned that the CoP could include up to 100 EA experts.

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### INITIATIVES

Include all relevant EA products, an EA brochure, factsheets on the 18 Arctic LME's and other related information products as shared by EA experts.

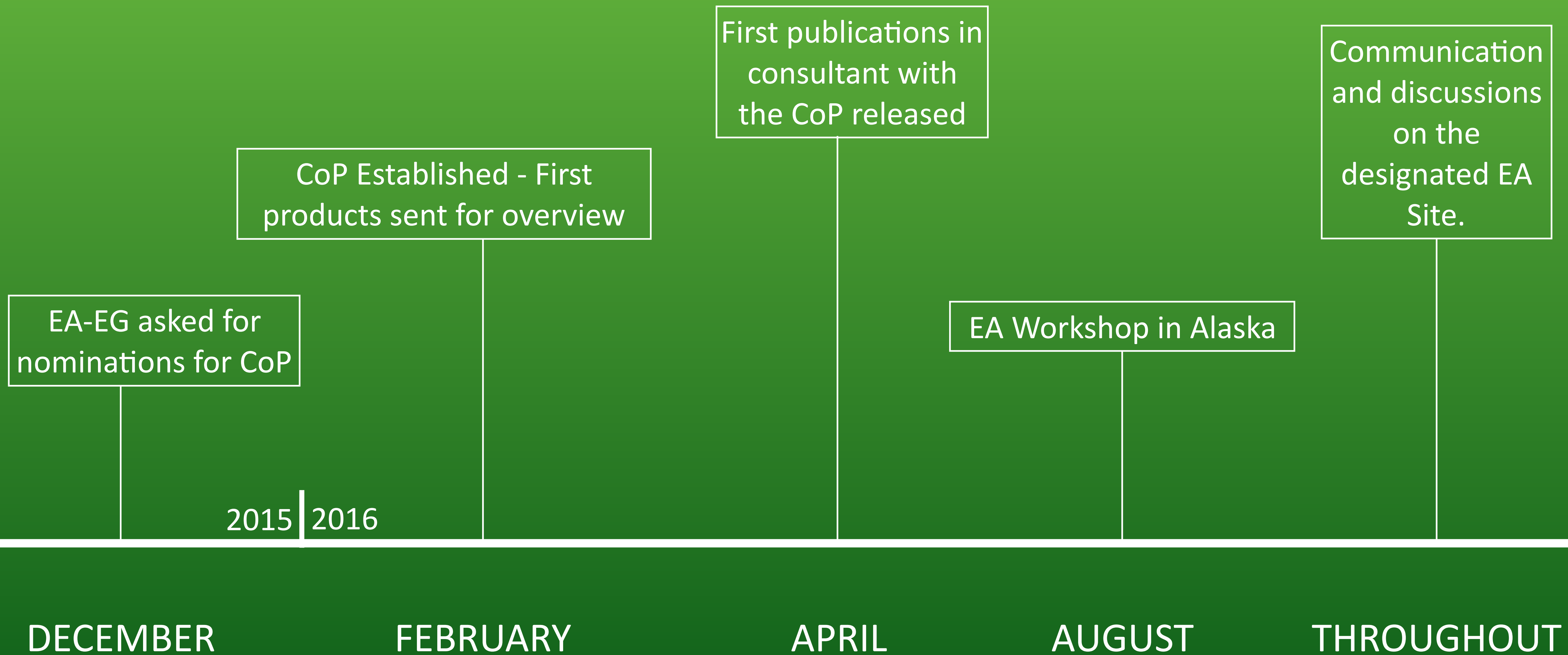
### GOALS

To allow for a thorough overview and input from key EA experts to share lessons learned and products that will contribute to advancing the circumpolar EA knowledge and experiences.

### ACTION PLANS

Will be developed as the CoP expands.

# KEY DATES



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