

Photo-notes

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Camp I

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT –

IDENTIFYING DRIVING FORCES

Here we identified the trends and dynamics driving the future of the EU's Arctic footprint.

The idea was to freely brainstorm at first, without weighing which driving force may be more or less relevant. Later, each participant was asked to cast his or her votes on the key drivers pinned to the board.



Brainstorming driving forces



Voting on the most important driving forces





Voting continues ...

Clustering of the driving forces which received the most votes



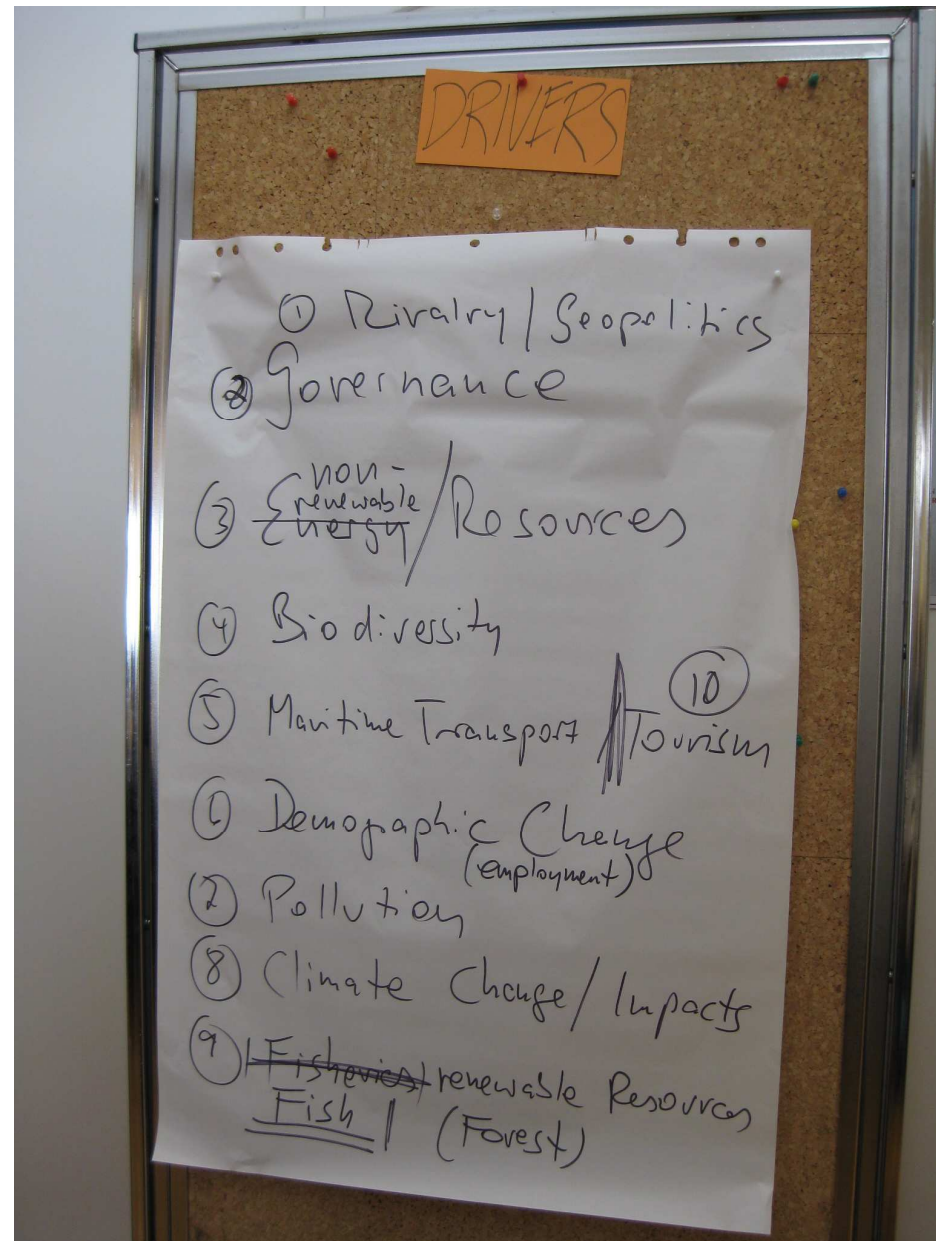
Camp II

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT –

SELECTING CRITICAL UNCERTAINTIES

Using the 'short list' of driving forces, small groups then mapped those driving forces along the axes of "importance" and "uncertainty".

Driving forces that are both important and uncertain are the so-called "critical uncertainties". Each group presented their results.

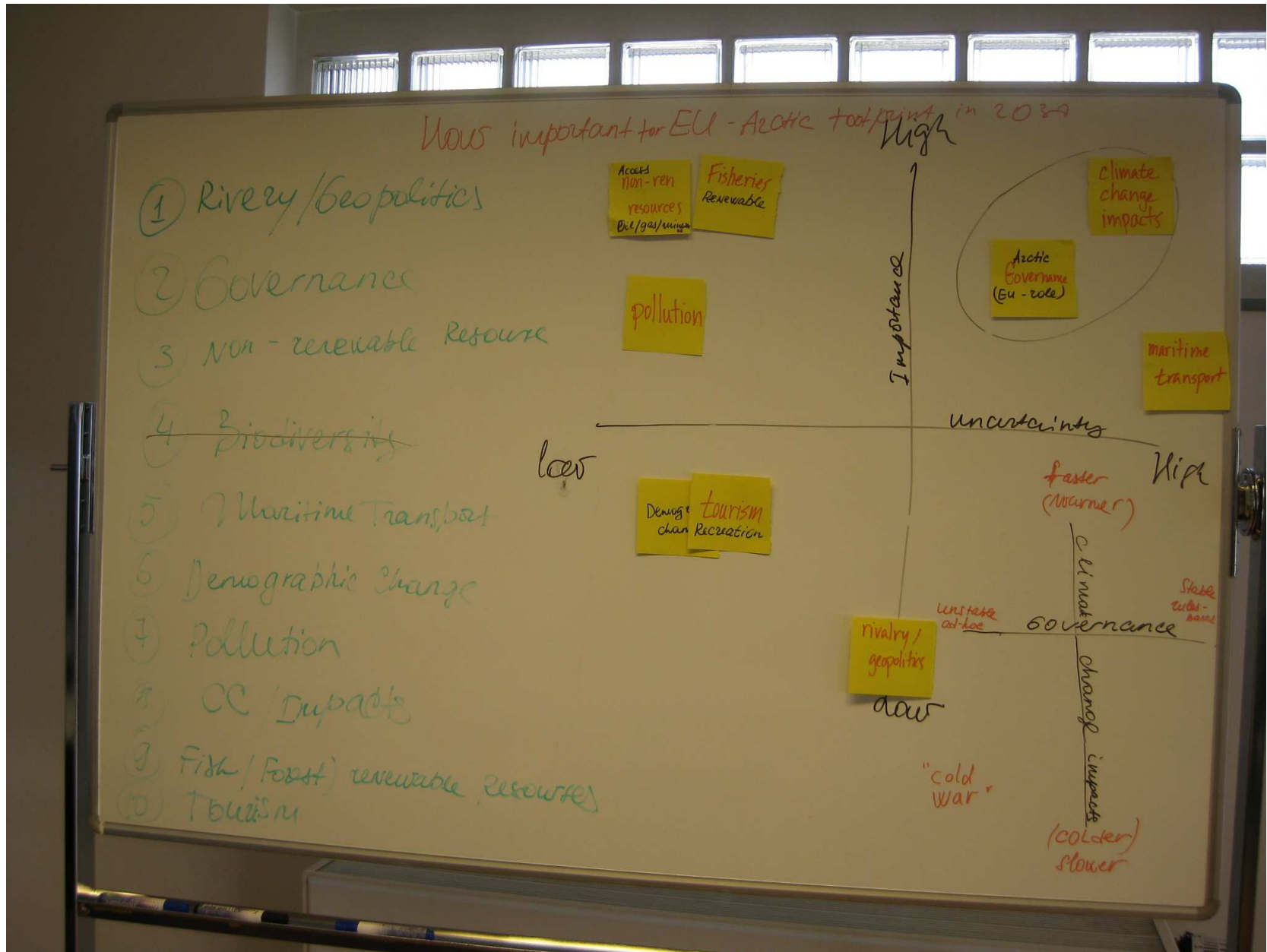


Results of the clustering: a 'short list' of driving forces

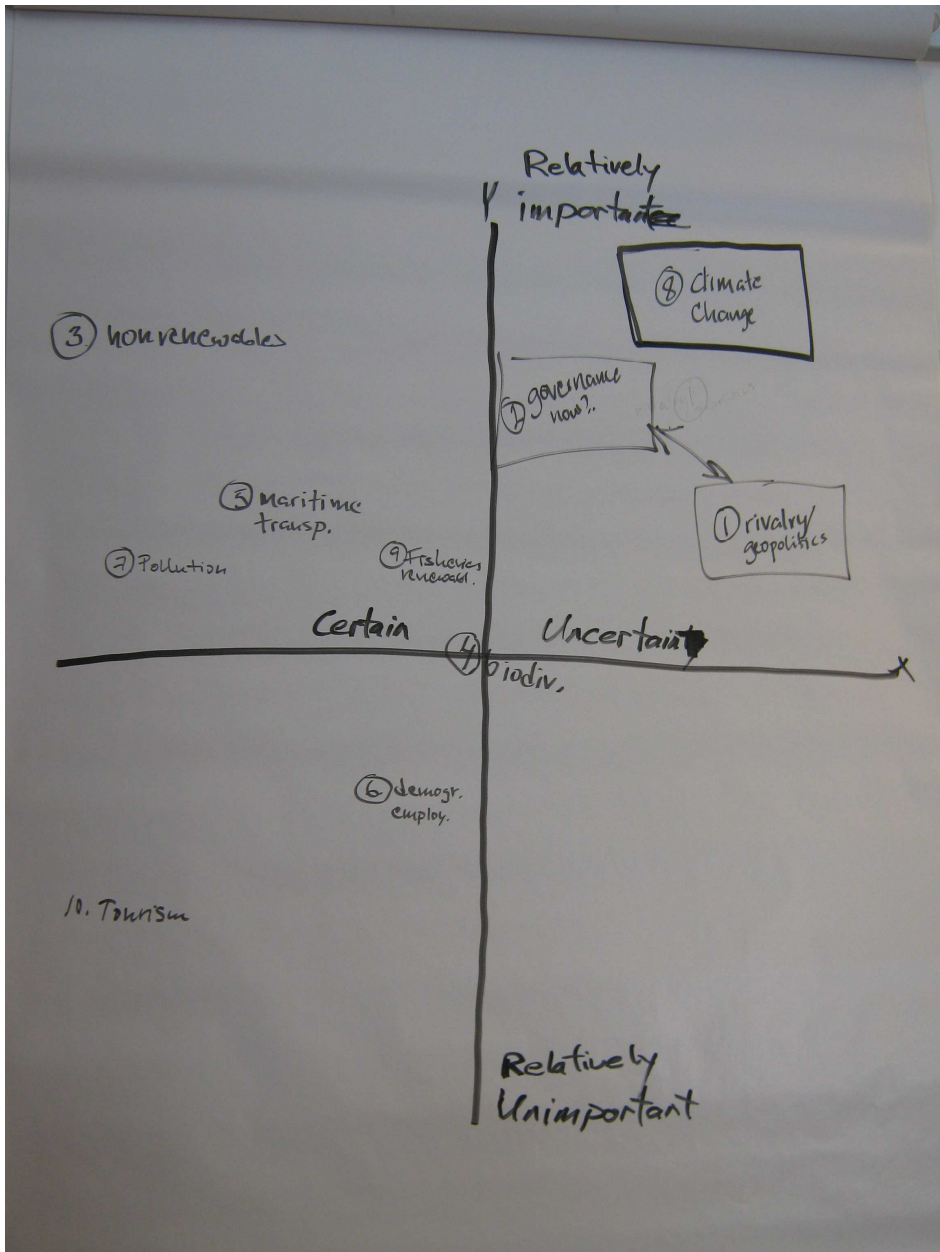


Small groups work to select the two most critical uncertainties

Results of work in small groups



Two most critical uncertainties: governance and climate change impacts



Critical uncertainties: governance/rivalry/geopolitics and climate change

Critical uncertainties: transport and fisheries



Presenting results of work in small groups



Summit

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT – CREATING A SCENARIO FRAMEWORK

Based on the group presentations, we identified the two critical uncertainties shaping the future EU footprint in the Arctic. We plotted these uncertainties along two axes, creating four scenarios of the future.

A good scenario framework must 1) span a sufficiently wide range of possible futures; and 2) allow us to take into account participants' most important concerns (GEO Resource Book, 2007).

First sketch of four scenarios created by critical uncertainties governance and climate change

