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Title: Climate change response in the European Arctic states from the feminist perspective.

Summary:

The Arctic is one of the most heavily influenced parts of the world due to climate change, resulting in significant environmental and social impacts. Furthermore, it should be stressed that the Arctic is an essential part of the planetary ecological and climate systems, so what happens in the Arctic does not stay in the Arctic. Recent changes in Arctic geopolitical configurations, increasing mobility of people and climate change have various impacts on people. Remote communities and Indigenous groups, especially women, are recognised as highly vulnerable while simultaneously having important knowledge on how environments and communities are impacted by climate change. The gendered aspect of global change in the North today has been noted in the 'gender shift', 'female flight', gendered employment mobilities, masculinisation of the traditional activities, and related to urbanisation processes.

This research aims to disclose deficiencies and gaps in the climate change response of five European Arctic states facing new social and environmental challenges in this region. It includes the analysis of climate policies and adaptation strategies of Arctic countries, along with expert interviews. The leading analytical tool for this research is feminist evaluation, as inequality based on gender exists in every level of society and culture in some form. Feminist evaluation starts with a critical examination of formal and informal practices, activities, and policies to highlight these inequalities. By applying a feminist approach, it is possible to determine how the current policies and practices of dealing with the effects of climate change in the Arctic can become more comprehensive and inclusive.