
A CLIMATE NIGHTMARE LURKS IN THE ATLANTIC. EUROPE IS STARTING TO PAY ATTENTION.

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A slowdown of ocean currents that would disrupt life on the continent on an unthinkable scale.

From Reykjavík to The Hague, European governments are starting to prepare for a literal sea change that would end life as we know it on the continent.

In the depths of the North Atlantic, a vast system of swirling currents known as the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, or AMOC, carries warm tropical waters north, preventing Europe from freezing. But as humans continue pumping planet-warming gases into the atmosphere, this oceanic heat pump will weaken. It might even fizzle out.

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