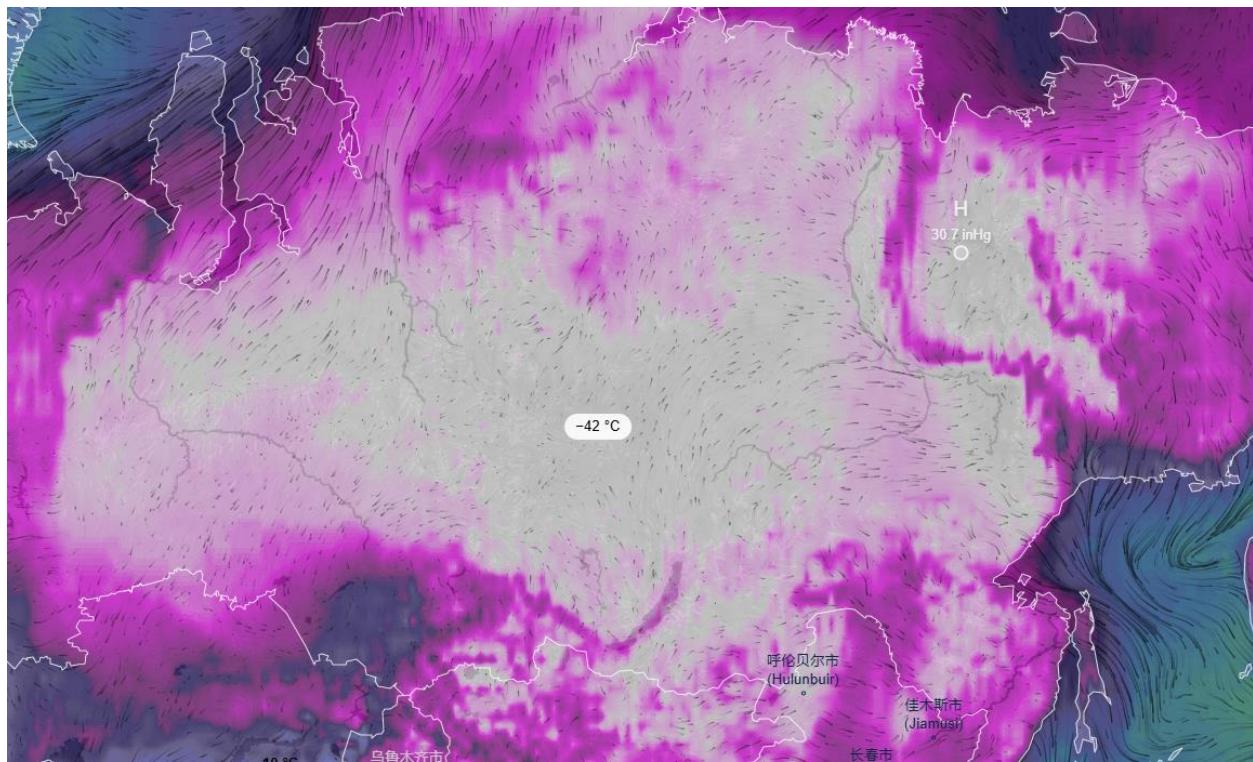




Severe Arctic Outbreak Forecast for Eastern Europe



Valid: January 20–29 January 2026

Affected Areas

Eastern Europe (Russia: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, Yaroslavl; Belarus; Ukraine; Baltic states: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia; eastern Poland).

Hazard Types

Extreme cold (morning lows -25°C to -38°C in places), very dry air, limited snowfall, frostbite risk, icy surfaces, potential travel disruptions.

Hazard Summary

Strong Arctic air mass surges from Siberia westward across eastern Europe. Trajectory originates from Siberian high-pressure zone, pushing dry, bitterly cold air through Russia toward Belarus, Ukraine, and Baltic states. Morning temperatures may drop to around -30°C (-22°F) or lower by late week (22–27 January), with dry conditions limiting snowfall but increasing frostbite and heating risks. Highest impact in eastern Russia and adjacent countries.