

Schedule

2001	Idea
2002	Evaluation of the German Wissenschaftsrat. (Proposal was postponed in order to prepare a technical feasibility study)
2004	Scientific Perspective: AURORA BOREALIS: A long-term European Perspective for Deep Arctic Ocean Research 2006–2016
2004	Technical Feasibility Study AURORA BOREALIS, University of Applied Sciences Bremen and Hamburg Ship Model Basin (HSVA)
2005	New evaluation of the German Wissenschaftsrat
2006	Positive review and recommendation to construct the ship with obligations
2007–2009	BMBF funding for technical refinement and implementation in the international science community
2007	May: Submission of a proposal to the European Commission for the ESFRI preparatory phase
2007	December: Acceptance of bid to SCHIFFKO GmbH, Hamburg, for the general design of AURORA BOREALIS
2008–2012	EU funding for the ERICON-AURORA BOREALIS project within the ESFRI preparatory phase
2008	May–June: Ice model tests, Aker Arctic Technology Inc., Helsinki, Finland
2008	May–September: Ice model tests, Hamburgische Schiffbau-Versuchsanstalt (HSVA), Hamburg, Germany
2008	July: Seakeeping tests, Hamburgische Schiffbau-Versuchsanstalt (HSVA), Hamburg, Germany
2008	December: Presentation of the European Research Icebreaker of the Future AURORA BOREALIS, Berlin, Germany
2008	December: Presentation (booth) of AURORA BOREALIS at the AGU meeting in San Francisco, USA