

Aliens on the horizon

SYMPOSIUM – 2nd circular

**Prioritisation, prevention & rapid response
for invasive species in Belgium**

Invasive alien species and pests cause substantial public health concerns, economic damage & biodiversity losses. Since such species become increasingly introduced, there is an obvious need for **horizon scanning**, i.e. to prioritise high-risk species and tackle them swiftly.



During this symposium, we will take a closer look at **measures of prioritisation, prevention, early detection & rapid response in Belgium**.

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PROGRAMME

8h30 – 9h30 :	Registration
9h30 – 9h40 :	Opening word – Aline van der Werf (Belgian Science policy Office)
9h40 – 10h00 :	The European Commission's proposal for legislation to address Invasive Alien Species – presented by Myriam Dumortier (European Commission)
10h00 – 10h20 :	The European Plant Health Regulation - an official tool to protect the Union agriculture and forestry by preventing the entry and spread of exotic pests – David Michelante (FAVV/AFSCA)
10h20 – 10h40 :	Horizon scanning and risk analysis tools for pest organisms and invasive alien species in Europe – Etienne Branquart (SPW)
10h40 – 10h50 :	Q & A
10h50 – 11h10 :	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h10 – 11h30 :	<i>Harmonia</i> ⁺ : a quick-screening tool for potentially invasive species – Bram D'hondt (Belgian Biodiversity Platform)
11h30 – 11h50 :	<i>Pandora</i> : a quick and practical first-line screening tool for parasitic and pathogenic micro-organisms – Sophie Roelandt (CODA-CERVA)
11h50 – 12h00 :	Q & A
12h00 – 13h10 :	<i>Lunch break</i>
13h10 – 13h30 :	<i>Waarnemingen.be</i> as an early-detection tool – Tim Adriaens (INBO)
13h30 – 13h50 :	Including 'manageability' into prioritisation – To be announced (ANB)
13h50 – 14h10 :	WILDTOOL, a flexible tool for first line prioritization of wildlife-borne diseases – Paul Tavernier (WILDPAD)
14h10 – 14h20 :	Q & A
14h20 – 14h40 :	<i>Coffee break</i>
14h40 – 15h00 :	Vector required: the case of the quarantine pine wilt nematode <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> and the <i>Monochamus</i> longhorn beetles in Belgium – Nick Berkvens (ILVO)
15h00 – 15h20 :	Invasive <i>Aedes</i> species on the Belgian horizon: quick screening of their risks using <i>Harmonia</i> ⁺ and <i>Pandora</i> ⁺ – Veerle Versteirt (Avia-GIS)
15h20 – 15h40 :	Invasive non-native species strategy and co-ordination – Niall Moore (Great Britain Non-native Species Secretariat)
15h40 – 15h50 :	Q & A
15h50 – 16h00 :	Closing word
16h00 – 17h00 :	Reception

REGISTRATION

To attend, please register **before 1 March @ <http://ias.biodiversity.be/symposium>**.

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