

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 : *Coffee break*
- 11h10 – 11h30 : *Harmonia+*: a quick-screening tool for potentially invasive species – Bram D'hondt (Belgian Biodiversity Platform)
- 11h30 – 11h50 : *Pandora* : a quick and practical first-line screening tool for parasitic and pathogenic micro-organisms – Sophie Roelandt (CODA-CERVA)
- 11h50 – 12h00 : Q & A
- 12h00 – 13h10 : *Lunch break*
- 13h10 – 13h30 : *Waarnemingen.be* 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 : *Coffee break*
- 14h40 – 15h00 : Vector required: the case of the quarantine pine wilt nematode *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and the *Monochamus* longhorn beetles in Belgium – Nick Berkvens (ILVO)
- 15h00 – 15h20 : Invasive *Aedes* species on the Belgian horizon: quick screening of their risks using *Harmonia+* and *Pandora+* – 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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