



Addressing Invasive Alien Species in Europe:

the relevance of
transnational
cooperation and
stakeholder
engagement



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Aquatic Invasive Alien Species of Freshwater and Estuarine
Systems: Awareness and Prevention in the Iberian Peninsula



EVENT PROGRAMME

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:15 Opening and welcome

[Francisco J. Oliva](#) (Coordination Life INVASAQUA)

[Michel Van Camp](#) (Director of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Science)

9:15 - 10:35 INTRODUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT (MODERATOR: ANA NUNES)

9:15 - 9:35 *The project Life INVASAQUA* - ([Coordination Life INVASAQUA](#))

9:35 - 9:55 *The status of the EU IAS Regulation* - [Daniel Nuijten](#) (Directorate General Environment, EC)

9:55 - 10:15 *The IPBES-IAS assessment - an overview of identified management, governance and policy options* - [Bernd Lenzner](#) (University of Vienna)

10:15 - 10:35 *LIFE Programme - current and related projects, LIFE and EU perspectives* - [Ana Klenovsek](#) (CINEA, EC)

10:35 - Coffee Break (25 min)

11:00 - 13:00 THEMATIC SESSION 1 (MODERATOR: ANA NUNES)

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TACKLING IAS

11:00 - 11:20 *Life INVASAQUA: Strategic recommendations for the transnational management of invasive alien fish and crayfish in Iberian inland waters* - [Frederic Casals](#) & [Jorge R. Sánchez](#) (University of Lleida - SIBIC)

11:20 - 11:40 *Enhancing collaboration between Member States through data sharing and harmonization* - [Eugenio Gervasini](#) (Joint Research Centre, EC)

11:40 - 12:00 *ALBUFEIRA PROJECT. A flowing cooperation: Promoting and protecting the good condition of shared water bodies between Spain and Portugal* - [Paloma Crespo](#) (General Directorate for Water - Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic challenge, Spain)

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12:00 - 12:20 ***The challenges related to invasive alien species in the light of the latest EU policy developments*** - Szabolcs Nagy (Wetlands International Europe)

12:20 - 12:40 ***Transnational IAS networking: how to cross the Dutch borders?*** - Henk Groenewoud (Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, Bureau Risicobeoordeling & onderzoek - NVWA BuRO)

12:40 - 13:00 ***Preserving Sava River Basin habitats through transnational management of invasive alien species*** - Tara Ariell Sukic (EuroNatur)

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch (+ Group photo)

14:00 - 15:40 - THEMATIC SESSION 2 (MODERATOR: KATIE COSTELLO) GUIDELINES, CODES OF CONDUCT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

14:00 - 14:20 ***Life INVASAQUA: Codes of conduct and stakeholder awareness campaigns*** - Celia López (University of Murcia)

14:20 - 14:40 ***European Guidelines and Codes of conduct for IAS*** - Riccardo Scalera (IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG))

14:40 - 15:00 ***A manual for the management of vertebrate IAS of Union concern, incorporating animal welfare*** - Kevin Smith (IUCN)

15:00 - 15:20 ***Biosecurity in freshwater ecosystems : towards the first national campaigns in Belgium*** - Arnaud Jacobs (National Scientific Secretariat on Invasive Alien Species - Belgium)

15:20 - 15:40 ***View of anglers about the problematic of invasive species*** - Emily Smith (Angling Trust)

15:40 - Coffee break (20 min)

16:00 - 17:20 THEMATIC SESSION 2 (CONTINUATION)

16:00 - 16:20 ***Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication*** - Frances Lucy (Atlantic Technological University, Ireland)

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16:20 - 16:40 ***Maintaining an engaged community of practice on invasive species management: the case of ExotenNet in Flanders (Belgium)*** - [Tim Adriaens](#) (Research Institute for Nature and Forest - INBO) & [Anke Stefens](#) (Rattenbestrijding Oost-Vlaanderen vzw)

16:40 - 17:00 ***THE LIFE DUNIAS project: involvement of the horticultural sector, coastal municipalities and private gardeners*** - [Reinhardt Strubbe](#) (Agentschap voor Natuur en Bos)

17:00 - 17:20 ***Enhancing collaborations, sharing best practices and building skills: feedback from the French IAS resources center*** - [Madeleine Freudenreich](#) & [Yohann Soubeyran](#) (IUCN French Committee)

17:20 - 17:40 - ***Reflections and further steps*** - [Catherine Numa](#) (IUCN Med)

17:40 - 17:50 - **Closing remarks**

17:45 - **End of the event**