

Biodiversity's Ticking Time Bomb:

Understanding and Addressing the Problem of Invasive Species in Europe

21 February 2013, 15.00-19.00

Room A3G2, Altiero Spinelli building, side Luxembourg station, European Parliament, Brussels



15.00- 15.30 Opening

Welcome by MEP Pavel Poc, Member of Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, European Parliament and Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Keynote speech by Dr Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission

Questions to Commissioner Potočnik

15.30-16.05 Understanding the problem

Moderator: MEP Pavel Poc

The impacts of invasive alien species on Europe's nature and livelihoods

Dr Piero Genovesi, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) and Chair of IUCN SSC Specialist Group on Invasive Alien Species

The economic costs of alien invasions

Patrick ten Brink, Senior Fellow, Head of Brussels office and Environmental Economics Programme, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

16.05-16.50 Addressing the problem

Moderator: Julia Marton-Lefèvre

The need for an EU approach to combating invasive alien species

Pia Bucella, Director of Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Ensuring coherence with existing EU plant and animal health regimes

Dr Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General, DG Health & Consumers, European Commission

The challenges and opportunities of Member States in implementing EU legal measures: the example of Ireland

Dr Joe Caffrey, Senior Research Scientist, Inland Fisheries Ireland

Tackling invasives – the view from civil society

Dr Paul Walton, Head of Habitats and Species, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), BirdLife Europe, European Habitats Forum (EHF)

16.50-17.35 Panel discussion

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- Dr Piero Genovesi
- Patrick ten Brink
- Pia Bucella
- Ladislav Miko
- Dr Joe Caffrey
- Dr Paul Walton

17.35-17.45 Final remarks and closing by Julia Marton-Lefèvre and Dr Paul Walton

17.45-19.00 Reception



The event is hosted by MEP Pavel Poc and organized by IUCN and BirdLife with the support of the European Habitats Forum.