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13:00 - 15:00  
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Group of the Progressive Alliance of  
**Socialists & Democrats**  
in the European Parliament

# INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

event in the European Parliament hosted by:  
MEP Pavel Poc & MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos

Invasive Alien Species (IAS) are species that are introduced accidentally or deliberately into a natural environment where they are not normally found, with serious ecological and economic consequences for their new environment. Both in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, IAS represent a major threat to native plants and animals in European land and seas, causing damage worth billions of euros to the European economy every year.

The movement of IAS knows no human borders, but it can be limited using different techniques. At the same time, the fight against invasions is more significant and robust if it is geographically coordinated. These reasons called for action at European level.

In November 2014, the European Union published a new Regulation on IAS as foreseen under target 5 of the EU's

Biodiversity Strategy to 2020. The Regulation establishes a coordinated EU-wide framework for action to prevent, minimise and mitigate the adverse impacts of IAS on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and limit their damage to the economy and human health. The regulation acts on the prevention, early warning and rapid response and management.

Members of the European Parliament Ricardo Serrão Santos and Pavel Poc will bring together scientists and politicians to discuss the IAS issue in Europe. Objectives of the event are (i) to hear the scientists about current trends on the marine and terrestrial IAS while identifying threats and opportunities, and (ii) to discuss potential gaps in the current legislation and to propose solutions.

## DRAFT AGENDA:

- **Pavel Poc & Ricardo Serrão Santos**, Members of the European Parliament
- **Karmenu Vella**, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries; TBC
- **João Canning-Clode**, MARE Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre, Madeira, Portugal and Editor of the 2015 book „Biological Invasions in Changing Ecosystems“
- **Bella Galil**, The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Israel National Center for Biodiversity Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- **Jan Pergl**, Institute of Botany, Czech Academy of Sciences.
- **Danny Heptinstall**, Policy Officer at BirdLife Europe & Coordinator of the European Habitats Forum Working Group on Invasive Alien Species
- **Ana Cristina Cardoso**, EC Joint Research Centre, Institute for Environment and Sustainability
- **Luc Bas**, Director of the IUCN European Regional Office

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Sandwich lunch will be available

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