

The Theme

Invasive Alien Species (IAS) and their impact to the environment are one of the key topics addressed by LIFE projects over the years.

LIFE is an important instrument in relation to the development and further implementation of EU policy and legislation on the issue. On 1 January 2015 the new EU Regulation 1143/2014 on invasive alien species entered into force.

This Regulation seeks to address the problem of invasive alien species in a comprehensive manner so as to protect native biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as to minimize and mitigate the human health or economic impacts that these species can have. The Regulation foresees three types of interventions: prevention, early detection and rapid eradication, and management. The contribution of the LIFE programme has been pivotal in this context, thanks to a number of projects including innovative actions and best practices, along with studies aimed at supporting the further implementation of the IAS regulation, e.g. in relation to the risk assessment to inform the evolution of the list of species of Union Concern.

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Platform meeting on

Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

29-30 November, 2017

Sala Biagi - Palazzo Lombardia
Piazza Città di Lombardia 1 - Milan



29 November 2017

08.30 Registration for participants and speakers

Moderator: **Riccardo Scalera**, Neemo/Timesis

09.30 **Claudia Maria Terzi**, Minister of Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development Regione Lombardia
Welcome by Lombardia Region

09.40 **Angelo Salsi**, EASME Opening speech:
the LIFE programme and alien species

10.00 **Spyridon FLEVARIS**, European Commission,
DG Environment, Unit D.2 - Biodiversity
Introductory remark: the EU Regulation No 1143/2014

Session 1

10.20 **Paulo Jorge dos Santos Gomes Oliveira** LIFE projects
dealing with IAS in Madeira, Portugal (multiple projects)

10.35 **Iain Henderson** LIFE05 NAT/UK/000142 ERDUK
Eradication of Ruddy ducks in the UK to protect
the white-headed duck

10.50 Coffee break

11.20 **Juan Jimenez Perez** LIFE09 NAT/ES/000529
LIFE TRACHEMYS Demonstration strategy and techniques
for the eradication of invasive freshwater turtles

11.35 **Arnaud Monty** LIFE08 INF/B/000052 AlterIAS Increase
awareness to curb horticultural introductions
of invasive plants in Belgium

11.50 **Claudia Gili** LIFE12 NAT/IT/000395 EMYS Ligurian Invasive
Fauna Eradication pro indigenous Emys orbicularis restocking

12.05 **Per-Arne Åhlen** LIFE09 NAT/SE/000344 MIRDINEC
Management of the invasive Raccoon Dog
(*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries

12.20 **Rocco Tiberti** LIFE11 BIO/IT/000020 BIOAQUAE
Biodiversity Improvement Of Aquatic Alpine Ecosystems

12.35 **Adriano Martinoli**, Lucv Wauters LIFE09 NAT/IT/000095
EC-SQUARE Eradication and control of grey squirrel:
actions for preservation of biodiversity in forest ecosystems

12.50 **Chiara Manfrin** LIFE10 NAT/IT/000239 RARITY Eradicate
Invasive Louisiana Red Swamp and Preserve Native white
Clawed Crayfish in Friuli Venezia Giulia

13.05 Discussion

13.30 Lunch

Moderator: **Piero Genovesi**, ISPRA

Session 2

14.30 **Charlie Main** LIFE13 NAT/UK/000209 LIFE Shiantis Protecting
and restoring the Shiant Isles SPA through rat removal, and
safeguarding other seabird island SPAs in the UK

14.45 **Francesca Giannini** LIFE13 NAT/IT/000471 RESTO CON LIFE
Island conservation in Tuscany, restoring habitat not only for birds
(multiple projects)

15.00 **Paolo Sposimo** LIFE12 NAT/IT/000416 LIFE Puffinus Tivolara.
Protection of the largest population of Puffinus yelkouan on Earth
and containment and eradication of invasive alien

15.15 **Maria Soledad Vivas Navarro** LIFE experiences of IAS
management in marine and littoral habitats in Andalucia
(LIFE09 NAT/ES/000534 Life Posidonia Andalucia and
LIFE14 CCA/ES/000612 Life Adaptamed)

15.30 **Francesco Nonnis Marzano** LIFE13 NAT/IT/001129 LIFE BARBIE
Conservation and management of *Barbus meridionalis* and *Barbus plebejus*
in the Emilian tributaries of Po River

15.45 **Quim Pou** LIFE12 NAT/ES/001091 LIFE Potamo Fauna
Conservation of river fauna of Community interest in the Natura
2000 network sites of the Ter, Fluvià and Muga river basins

16.00 **Marc Ventura Oller** LIFE13 NAT/ES/001210 LIFE LimnoPirineus
Restoration of lentic habitats and aquatic species of Community
interest in high mountains of the Pyrenees

16.15 Discussion and presentation of joint document

17.00 End of meeting

30 November 2017

Moderator: **Riccardo Scalera** Neemo/Timesis

09.30 **Eladio Fernandez-Galiano** The role of the Bern Convention

09.45 **Ana-Cristina Cardoso** The EASIN catalogue of the JRC

10.00 **Federico Benvenuti** (Italian NCP LIFE – AT Sogesid)
The Italian Knowledge platform and IAS

10.10 **Andrea Monaco** Italian Network LIFE and IAS (Ispra and others)

10.20 **Elisabetta Rossi e Paolo Colombo**
LIFE14 IPE/IT/0018 GESTIRE2020 and the management
of alien species in the Lombardia Region

Moderator: **Bent Jepsen**, Neemo/Coordination team

Session 3

10.35 **Rob Tanner** LIFE15 PRE/FR/000001 LIFE IAP - RISK Mitigating
the threat of invasive alien plants in the EU through pest risk
analysis to support the EU Regulation

10.50 **Piero Genovesi** LIFE15 GIE/IT/001039 LIFE ASAP
Alien Species Awareness Program

11.05 Coffee break

11.35 **Maarten de Groot** LIFE15 GIE/SI/000770 LIFE ARTEMIS
Awareness Raising, Training and Measures on Invasive alien
Species in forests

11.50 **Andreia Pereira** LIFE13 BIO/PT/000386 lifeBiodiscoveries Invasive
species control through public participation

Moderator: **Jan Sliva**, Neemo/Particip

Session 4

12.05 **Annamária Csóka** LIFE10 NAT/HU/000020 HUTURJAN
Conservation of priority natural values in 'Turjánvidék' Natura
2000 site southern unit

12.20 **Francesca Casella** LIFE12 BIO/IT/000213 LIFE Alta Murgia
Control and eradication of the invasive exotic plant species
Ailanthus altissima in the Alta Murgia National Park

12.35 Discussion

13.30 Lunch

Session 4 (2nd part)

14.30 **Blanca Serrano** LIFE13 NAT/ES/000899 LIFE Miera Biodiversity
conservation in river Miera (multiple projects)

14.45 **Antonios Michaelakis** LIFE12 ENV/GR/000466 LIFE CONOPS
Development & demonstration of management plans against
the climate change enhanced invasive mosquitoes in S. Europe

15.00 **Christophe Eggert** LIFE15 NAT/FR/000864 LIFE CROAA
Control strategies of Alien invasive Amphibians in France

15.15 **Simone Lioy, Marco Porporato** LIFE14 NAT/IT/001128
LIFE STOPVESPA Spatial containment of *Vespa velutina* in Italy and
establishment of an Early Warning and Rapid Response System

15.30 **Karsten Frisk and Uffe Strandby** LIFE13 NAT/DK/001357
REWETDUNE-LIFE Restoration of wetlands in dune habitats
(multiple projects)

15.45 Discussion and approval of joint document

17.00 End of meeting