



'Bridging the Gap: Working Together to Tackle Invasive Non-native Species in Europe'

2 Seas Cluster



Programme SEFINS Cluster Conference



**OPEN Conference Venue
Norwich, UK – 24 September 2014**

Wednesday 24 September 2014

The INTERREG 2 Seas Programme Authorities, along with the SEFINS partnership, welcome you to this event focusing on the effective management of invasive non-native species in Europe. This is a unique opportunity to hear international experts from a range of fields relating to the management of invasive species sharing their knowledge.

09.30-10.00

Registration and coffee

Please feel free to browse the posters and displays on show in the exhibition space. Learn about the crossborder cooperation underpinning the projects conducted by SEFINS partners and view the highlights of the collaborative social and scientific outputs.

10.00-10.15

Welcome and opening

Martin Horlock: Senior Biodiversity Officer, Norfolk County Council

Welcome to Norwich. This event will focus on 'Bridging the Gap' between research, policy and action, including in an important, yet often overlooked habitat - the estuarine environment. It will cover a wide variety of 'hot' topics such as risk management, knowledge transfer and citizen science. It will also include interactive Workshops to promote discussion on how we can better tackle the challenge of invasive species in estuaries.

10.15-11.05

Session 1: Evolution of SEFINS

SEFINS (Safeguarding the Environment From Invasive Non-native Species) is a 'cluster' project, bringing together key partners from MEMO, INVEXO and RINSE projects to exchange knowledge and capitalise on the ground-breaking work already carried out.

MEMO (*Mnemiopsis* Ecology, Modelling and Observation)

Studying the invasive comb jelly *Mnemiopsis leidyi* in the southern North Sea and the Channel

INVEXO

Tackling invasive plant and animal species in Belgium and the Netherlands

RINSE (Reducing the Impact of Non-native Species in Europe)

Crossborder management of invasive non-native species across the Two Seas Region (Belgium, England, France and the Netherlands)

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- 10.15-10.30 **An introduction to SEFINS**
Dr Katy Owen, SEFINS Technical Assistant at Norfolk County Council, UK
- 10.30-10.40 **An introduction to MEMO**
Johan Robbens, Researcher in Aquatic Environment and Quality at the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Belgium
- 10.40-10.50 **An introduction to INVEXO**
Tim Adriaens, Research Associate at the Institute for Nature and Forests (INBO), Belgium
- 10.50-11.00 **An introduction to the RINSE project**
Michael Sutton-Croft, RINSE Technical Coordinator at Norfolk County Council, UK

11.00-11.15

Coffee break and opportunity to view posters and displays in the exhibition area

11.15-12.35

Session 2: The Themes

- 11.15-11.35 **Citizen science and awareness raising**
Céline Fontaine, Assignment Officer at the Centre for Environmental Initiatives (CPIE) Val d'Authie, France and
Dr Heather Sugden, Teaching Fellow at the School of Marine Science and Technology, Newcastle University, UK
- 11.35-11.55 **Data and Inventories**
Dr Bram D'hondt, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Nature and Forests (INBO) and
Dr Quentin Groom, Research Assistant at Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium



- 11.55-12.15 **Risk management and impact advice**
Johan Robbens, Researcher in Aquatic Environment and Quality at the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Belgium and
Dr Sonia Vanderhoeven, Science Officer in Charge of the Belgian Forum on Invasive Species at the Belgian Biodiversity Platform
- 12.15-12.35 **Knowledge transfer, training and advice**
Dr Johan van Valkenburg, Senior Scientist at the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA), the Netherlands and
Olaf Booy, Technical Coordinator for the GB Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNS), UK.

12.35-13.30
Lunch break

13.30-14.10
Session 3: Looking Forwards

- 13.30-13.50 **New legislative tools**
Olaf Booy, Technical Coordinator for the GB Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNS), UK
- 13.50-14.10 **Identifying the gap between the rivers and the sea**
Dr Sander Wijnhoven, Project Leader of the Monitor Taskforce at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Sea Research (NIOZ), the Netherlands

14.10-15.20
Workshop session: Closing the gap between policy and actions

- 14.10-14.20 **Introduction to the workshops**,
Michael Sutton-Croft, RINSE Technical Coordinator at Norfolk County Council
- 14.25-15.20 **Interactive workshops**

15.20-15.45
Coffee break and opportunity to view posters and displays in the exhibition area

15.45-16.25
Summary of workshops

16.25-16.45
The importance of crossborder working in tackling invasive species

John Jones, Countryside and Coastal Manager at Norfolk County Council, UK

16.45-17.00
Opportunities offered by the 2014-20 Two Seas Crossborder Programme in relation to cross border working

Michelle Armstrong, East of England Territorial Facilitator for the Interreg IVA Two Seas programme

17.00-17.10
Summing up and closing comments

David Collinson, Assistant Director of Environment & Public Protection at Norfolk County Council, UK

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