

**Question for written answer E-008018/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Regulation on invasive species

On 29 September 2014, the Council of the European Union approved a regulation aimed at encouraging cooperation between Member States in order to tackle invasive species more effectively.

In the Ebro delta region, the problem with snails of the *Pomacea* genus has caused serious harm both to farmers and to the biodiversity of the wetlands, to the detriment of indigenous species.

I therefore have the following questions:

1. In the context of the new regulation, what measures does the Commission intend to take to tackle the plague of *Pomacea insularum* (apple snail)?
2. Has the aid and investment for plant health control in Spain been extended for the period 2014-2020? If so, what amount has been set aside for this aid?