

**Question for written answer E-005304/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Invasive alien species surveillance system

On 1 January 2015 a new EU regulation entered into force in order to tackle the problem of invasive alien species. The regulation calls for, among other measures, a list to be compiled, specifying invasive alien species considered to be of concern to the EU, the basis for such information being risk assessment.

It also establishes a surveillance system for early detection of invasive alien species included on the EU list, the assumption being that the more quickly countries respond, the more effectively eradication measures will serve to prevent the spread of the species in question.

What means will the Commission provide to Member States to assist early detection and enable them to act as quickly as possible to prevent the spread of new invasive alien species?