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Subject: Damage to stone and soft fruit caused by the spread of the spotted-winged drosophila fly

The spotted-winged drosophila fly (*Drosophila suzukii*) was introduced into the EU in 2008 from Asia via the US. It was first detected in Spain (Catalonia) in the autumn of 2008, then in southern France and in Italy in 2009, in Germany in 2011 and in the UK in 2012. It is now apparently found across the EU. It causes serious damage to - and even the total destruction of - all types of stone fruit and soft fruit; a later spread to pomaceous fruits cannot be ruled out. The pest develops extremely rapidly and cannot be effectively fought using EU-approved insecticides. Its larvae are extremely resistant to cold weather.

In view of the above, will the Commission answer the following questions:

Will it include the spotted-winged drosophila fly in the list of invasive species and does it plan to review the EU's climate zone classification and adjust it if necessary?

Is the study of control options eligible for funding under Horizon 2020?

Are measures in principle planned to prevent the further immigration of invasive pests from third countries through imports of food products, such as imposing a quarantine on imported fruit?