

LIFE RIPARIAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

Innovative Tools and Approaches for the Management of Biological Invasions

RIPARIAS

Reaching Integrated and Prompt Action
in Response to Invasive Alien Species



TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2024 | 9:30AM

Brussels Environment

Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86C/3000
1000 Brussels, Belgium



THE LIFE RIPARIAS PROJECT

The LIFE RIPARIAS project is a Belgian initiative seeking to address the pressing challenge of biological invasions, which demands strategic and coordinated resource allocation.

Focused on rectifying planning deficiencies related to Invasive Alien Species (IAS), the project aims to develop a data-driven workflow guiding decisions on IAS management in pilot river basins.

With a duration of six years and co-funding from the LIFE program of the European Union and the three Belgian regional authorities, Life RIPARIAS stands as a collaborative effort offering a strategic framework for crafting effective and coherent management strategies aimed at minimising the impact of biological invasions.

JOIN OUR CONFERENCE

The event welcomes all stakeholders engaged in the field of biological invasions, including managers, institutional representatives, decision-makers, nature conservation associations, and scientists, subject to available capacity.

REGISTRATION

Please confirm your attendance by the **5th of November** via our website:

[riparias.be](https://www.riparias.be)

Should you have any questions or require further information, the project team is at your disposal via email: **info@riparias.be**.

PROGRAM

9:30AM – 10:00AM : REGISTRATION

10:00AM – 12:15PM

Brussels Environment - Welcome and introduction

Andy Sheppard - IPBES evaluated approaches, tools and technologies available and under development to tackle invasive alien species and their operationalisation challenges

Daniel Nuijten and Riccardo Scalera - The IAS regulation and the policy framework for article 15

Rein Brys - eDNA Unleashed: Capturing key data for effective invasive species management

Q&A session

12:15PM – 1:30PM : LUNCH BREAK

1:30PM – 3:30PM

Tim Adriaens and Sonia Vanderhoeven - Bridge from observation to action: innovative tools from the LIFE RIPARIAS project in support of effective management frameworks

Eithne Davis - The involvement of communities and stakeholders to ensure the successful management of biological invasions

Hein van Kleef - LIFE RESILIAS - Using ecosystem resilience to enhance invasion resistance

Q&A session

3:30PM – 5:00PM

Concluding remark with **Ana Klenovsek**, our European LIFE project representant

Interactive sessions with **LIFE RIPARIAS IT tools**

Networking while enjoying Belgian specialities