



# **An EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species**

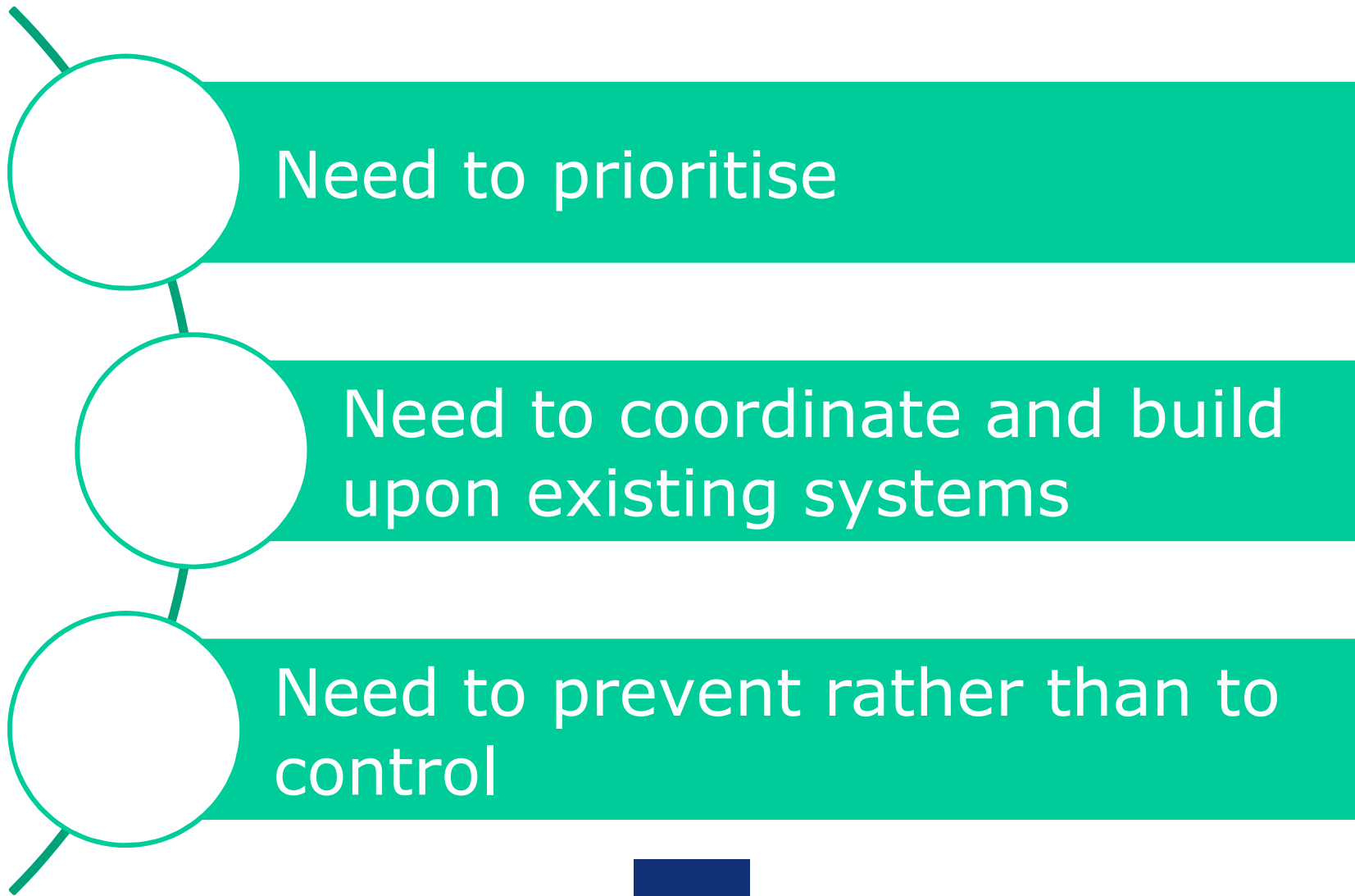
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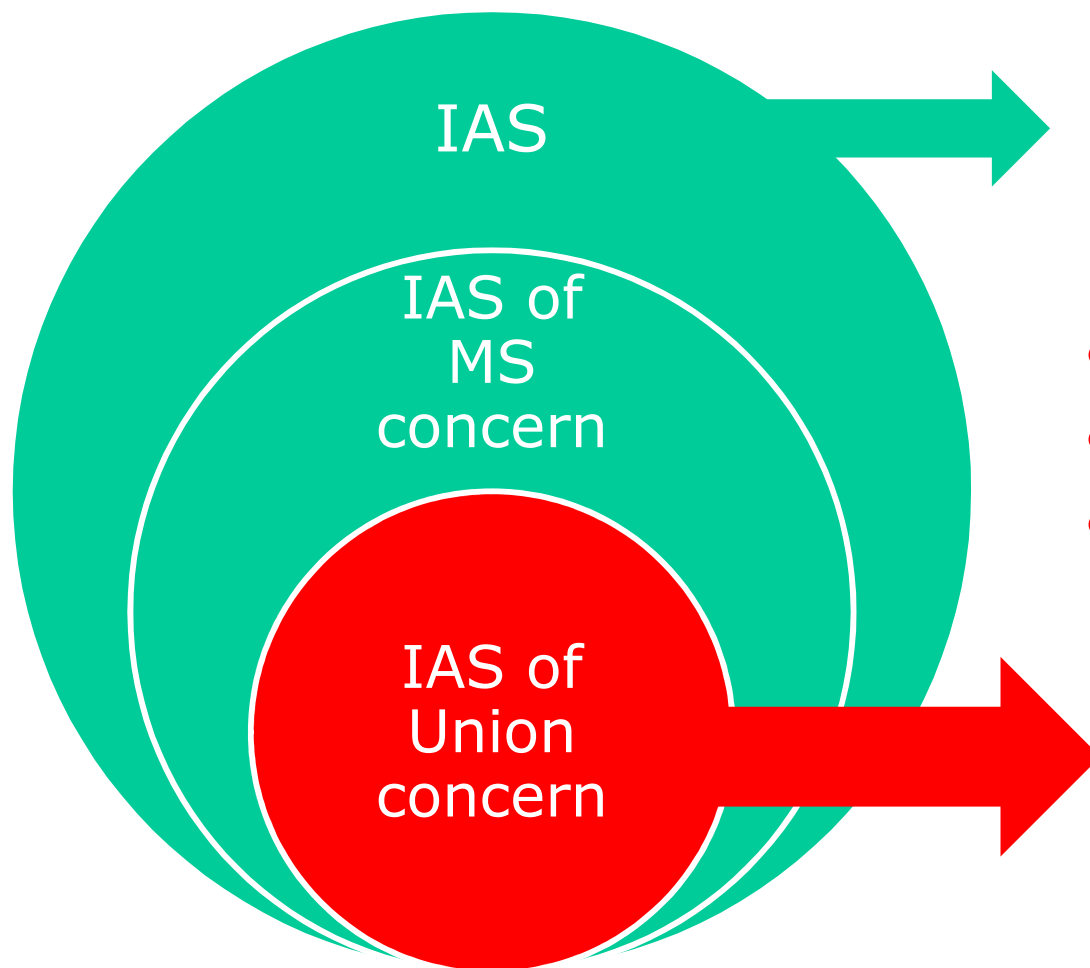
# Why an EU legislative instrument?

- IAS respect no borders
- Current approach in Member States
  - Variety of species**
  - Variety of approaches**
  - Reacting rather than preventing**
- International commitment
- EU Biodiversity Strategy

# Legislative proposal: guiding principles



# List of IAS of Union concern - the heart of the new regime



- 12,000 AS
- 1200-1500 IAS
- Codes of conduct!
- Capped at 50 species
- Established with MS
- Based on harmonised criteria, including a risk assessment looking at environmental, social and economic impact

# Structure of the legislative instrument

Prevention



Early Detection and Rapid Eradication



Management of established IAS

## Prevent introduction of IAS

Intentional introduction in EU  
Intentional introduction in the environment

Unintentional introduction in the EU or in the environment

IAS of Union concern: ban import, possession, use, marketing, exchange and release into the environment

Other IAS:  
codes of conduct

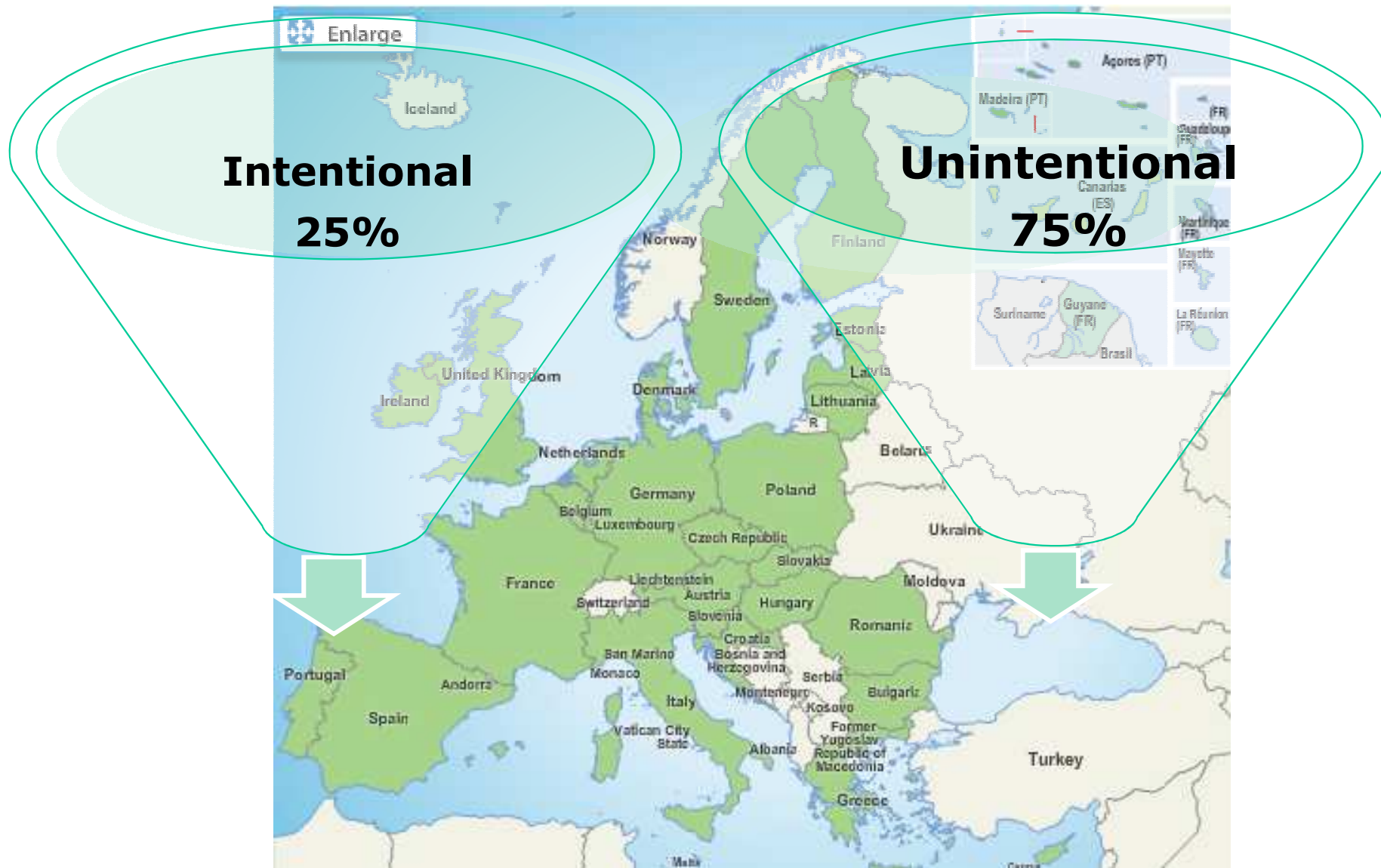
Action plan on pathways, incl. codes of conduct

## Early Detection and Rapid Eradication

## Management of established IAS



## Action plans on pathways of IAS



Prevent introduction of IAS

**IAS of Union concern: Early  
Detection and Rapid Eradication**

IAS of Union  
concern:  
surveillance

Detection of new  
population:  
notification  
obligation

Rapid eradication  
obligation +  
possibility for  
derogation

Codes of  
conduct could  
extend this  
approach to  
other IAS

Management of established IAS

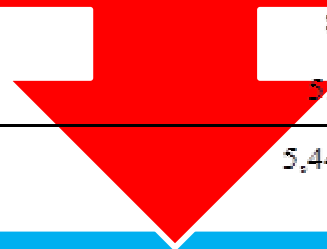


## Prevent introduction of IAS



## Early Detection and Rapid Eradication

IAS	Eradication costs (euro)	
	Earlier invasion stage	Later invasion stage
Asian long horned beetle	39,000	1,524,974,000
Carpet sea squirt	2,728,000	1,074,173,000
Water primrose	85,000	280,129,000
Grey squirrel	310,000	985,216,000
Coypu	5,443,000	21,776,000



## Management of established IAS

Prevent introduction of IAS

Early Detection and Rapid Eradication

**Management of IAS of Union concern  
established in certain areas in the EU**

Flexibility for MS

Possibility to  
eradicate, contain,  
control

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other IAS

# Codes of conduct and IAS regulation

## Codes of conduct

Address pathways of unintentional introduction

Act beyond the list of IAS of Union concern

## IAS regulation

Incentivise sectors to work with code of conduct to avoid listing

Respond to sectors that favour listing of voluntary addressed IAS



# **More information? Legislative proposal?**

*[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm)*

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