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Invasive Alien Species

## WEBINAR

### **BEAUTY – BUT A BEAST: practical tools for municipalities and NGOs to prevent the impacts of invasive alien plants**

This Barents IAS forum webinar organized by Rural Women's Advisory Organization focuses on how to prevent the impacts of invasive alien plant species in the Barents region of Finland, Sweden and Norway. However, information and the practical hints and tips given at the webinar are suitable also for municipalities and organizations outside the Barents region.

## SCHEDULE

**Where:** Teams meeting

**Date:** Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** EEC/Finnish time (SWE/NO)

**9:30** (8:30)

#### **Welcoming words**

**Christell Åström**, Executive Director, Rural Women's Advisory Organization

**9:35** (8:35)

#### **Invasive alien plant species: ecological, economic, and social threat in the Barents region**

What invasive alien plant species are considered as major threads now and in the future in Northern Finland, Sweden and Norway. Ecological and economic impacts of IAS plants and threats to human health

**Miia Jauni**, Research Scientist (invasive alien plants), Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

**10:00** (9:00)

#### **Best practises / interesting experiments from Sweden, Norway and Finland**

- **Sheep grazing – effective eradication method for Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)**  
**Linda Backlund**, coordinator of invasive species, Länsstyrelsen Västerbotten/county administrative board of Västerbotten
- **Winning battles but not the war against “Tromsø palm” (Persian Hogweed, *Heracleum persicum*)**  
**Bo Eide**, Environmental advisor at Tromsø Municipality, Norway
- **How to handle IAS plant waste & its potential for bioenergy production**  
**Marjaana Hassani**, Expert in landscape and nature management, Rural Women's Advisory Organization
- **Finnish-Swedish collaboration: learnings from the INSPECT project**  
**Marika Turpeinen**, Expert in landscape and nature management, Rural Women's Advisory Organization

11:00 (10:00) Coffee break

**11:05** (10:05)

**Tackling IAS problem with collaboration: practical hints and tips for municipalities and NGOs**

**Ursula Karjalainen**, Project Manager, Pidä Lappi Siistinä ry

**11:20** (10:20) – **11.40** (10.40)

**At your service: Barents Invasive Alien Species Project**

**Q&A**

**Ending words**

**Susanna Winqvist**, Communications Manager, Rural Women's Advisory Organization

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