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to the Commission

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Subject: Prevention and coordination measures to combat the Asian hornet

The Asian hornet is an invasive exotic insect native to South Asia, accidentally introduced into France in 2004 and present in the Wallonia since 2016. It spreads exponentially: each nest that is not destroyed leads to the creation of 10 to 50 new nests per year. Listed on the list of Invasive Alien Species of Union concern, it poses a threat to biodiversity, especially to pollinating insects and bee hives, as well as to public health, particularly for professionals working outdoors.

It also does significant harm to the economy: a nest can consume around 11 kg of pollinating insects in a season, jeopardising crops that depend on pollination. Some studies show this causes losses of between 5% and 25% of agricultural output.

1. What measures is the Commission considering to combat the spread of the Asian hornet? Is there any plan for closer coordination between neighbouring Member States, particularly in respect of monitoring, real-time data sharing and cross-border control?
2. How much has each Member State spent on measures related to the prevention, monitoring or destruction of nests since the start of the programming of the 2023-2027 Common Agricultural Policy strategic plans?

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