

ECsafeSEAFOOD Policy Workshop

SCIENCE SUPPORTING POLICY FOR THE SAFETY OF EUROPEAN SEAFOOD

DATE: 21 January 2016
TIME: 13.00 - 17.30
VENUE: OPERA Research, Delegation of the Lombardia Region (3rd floor), Place du Champs de Mars, 2 - 1050 Brussels, Belgium

The EU FP7-funded **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project is delighted to invite you to its policy stakeholder workshop.

ECsafeSEAFOOD aims to assess safety issues mainly related to non-regulated contaminants present in seafood as a result of environmental contamination and evaluate their impact on public health. Results from the project can inform policy makers about the need for and requirements of seafood regulatory and monitoring programmes for these contaminants of emerging concern.

Workshop Aims:
 The aim of this workshop is to gain better insights into actions and steps that **ECsafeSEAFOOD** can take considering the project results on non-regulated contaminants of emerging concern for the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) – Descriptor 9 (Contaminants in fish and seafood for human consumption) and Descriptor 10 (Marine litter).

Target Participants:
 This event is targeted towards EC and other policy and decision makers involved in the MSFD.

Workshop Format:
 The workshop will consist of presentations and break out sessions, thereby enabling fruitful discussions and exchanges. Participation will be limited to ensure optimal networking and exchange between participants.

To register, please contact Alice Tediosi (alice.tediosi@aeiforia.eu) by 15 January 2016.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT

- Gain insight into the steps and actions **ECsafeSEAFOOD** should take to allow **ECsafeSEAFOOD's** results to be used for the implementation of MSFD and any other relevant policy
- Strengthen the role of science in supporting safe seafood policy and establish robust communication channels between science and relevant policy makers

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Georg Hanke and Victoria Tornero – Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- António Marques – Instituto Portugues do Mar e Atmosfera (IPMA), ECsafeSEAFOOD coordinator
- Isabelle Sioen/Silke Jacobs - University of Ghent (UGent)
- Marta Iglesias - DG RTD, Marine Resources Unit
- Johan Robbens - The Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO)
- Alice Tediosi – Aeiforia
- Lolita Vilavert - Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV)



Agenda

The workshop will be managed with the aim of encouraging participants to express their views and discuss.

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13.00-13.30	Registration	
13.30-13.35	Welcome and purpose & format of the workshop	Alexandru Marchis - OPERA
13.35-13.45	“Introduction to the ECsafeSEAFOOD project”	António Marques - IPMA
13.45-14.00	“What are the European Commission’s research policy priorities in relation to seafood safety?”	Marta Iglesias - DG RTD, Marine Resources Unit
14.00-14.15	“Status of the implementation of the MSFD - Descriptor 9 and Descriptor 10”	Change to: Georg Hanke and Victoria Tornero - JRC
14.15-14.30	“ECsafeSEAFOOD approach for assessing the risks of non-regulated contaminants in seafood”	Isabelle Sioen/Silke Jacobs - UGent
14.30-14.45	“The usage of sensors in the field of environmental contaminants”	Johan Robbens - ILVO
14.45-15.00	“Results of the ECsafeSEAFOOD stakeholder consultation - invitation to policy makers for suggestions on how to improve communication on seafood safety between policy and other stakeholder groups (consumer organisations, seafood producers/processors)”	Alice Tediosi - Aeiforia
15.00-15.15	“The online tool for balancing risks and benefits of seafood consumption - how to optimise its use”	Lolita Vilavert - URV
15.15-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-17.15	<p>Discussion on how the project can contribute to policy developments in food safety and the marine environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights into the current Science-Policy Interface (Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Competence Centre (MCC)) related to seafood safety issues: - how can ECsafeSEAFOOD collaborate/give input? • Identification of other EC or national policy levels where ECsafeSEAFOOD results can make an impact. • Identification of best practice communication means from science to policy and vice versa - personal stories and preferences • Invitation to policy makers to provide suggestions as to how relevant research initiatives could collaborate to provide coherent information on seafood safety issues • Accessibility for policy makers to scientific and monitoring information in the field of seafood safety • Online tool: Insights from policy makers • How to strengthen the project dissemination tools to fill informational gaps and to improve communication among policy/decision makers, consumer organisations and food producers/processors 	
17.15-17.30	Wrap-up and Conclusions	

The event organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme at short notice.