



First Issue of ECsafeSEAFOOD Project Newsletter Now Available

The first issue of the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project newsletter is now available to download from the project's website: www.ecsafeseafood.eu. **ECsafeSEAFOOD** is a four-year EC FP7-funded project that aims to assess food safety issues related to priority contaminants present in seafood as a result of environmental contamination (including those originating from harmful algal blooms and those associated with marine litter) and evaluate their impact on public health.

This issue of **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project news includes: an introduction to the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project; an interview with Dr António Marques, **ECsafeSEAFOOD** Project Coordinator; an interview with Dr Johan Robbens, leader of **ECsafeSEAFOOD** Work Package 1, which focuses on establishing a chemical contaminants database and the selection of priority contaminants; profiles of **ECsafeSEAFOOD** partners; a selection of recent news stories relating to seafood safety; and details of some of the growing number of scientific publications acknowledging **ECsafeSEAFOOD**.

Notes for Editors

The Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA, I.P.) is coordinating the project. The **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project was launched in February 2013 and is funded by the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological development (FP7/2007-2013) under Grant Agreement n°311820.

The **ECsafeSEAFOOD** consortium comprises 18 partner organisations from 10 countries. The partnership includes SMEs in order to facilitate the transfer and uptake of research by interested parties. The project is divided into scientific work packages that will address the project's objectives. Additionally, there are work packages for project coordination and project dissemination.

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