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### **Second Issue of ECsafeSEAFOOD Project News Now Available**

The second issue of the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project newsletter is now available to download from the project's website: [www.ecsafeseafood.eu](http://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 update on the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project; a note from **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project coordinator Dr António Marques; an interview with Dr Alejandro Barranco, leader of **ECsafeSEAFOOD** Work Package 4, which focuses on developing fast screening methods to detect environmental contaminants in seafood; an interview with Dr Wim Verbeke, leader of **ECsafeSEAFOOD** Work Package 3, which focuses on risk assessment, modelling of consumer exposure and mitigation strategies; profiles of new members of the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** team; information on the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** Contaminants Database, a unique tool which can be used to improve contaminant diagnostics and seafood risk assessment; a selection of stories about seafood safety that have been making the news; details of some of the growing number of scientific publications arising from the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** project; dates for your diary; further results expected from the project; and the **ECsafeSEAFOOD** research Gallery.

### **Notes for Editors**

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 Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA, I.P.) is coordinating the project.

The **ECsafeSEAFOOD** consortium comprises 17 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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