

Dear Mr./Miss. [MEP],

"Artisanal Fisheries in the Mediterranean - a new approach to their management"
A Round Table organized by the **Mediterranean Platform of Artisanal Fishers (MedArtNet)**
September 18th at 11:30 in the European Parliament (room ASP 5F385).

On behalf of the **Mediterranean Platform of Artisanal Fishers (MedArtNet)**, I would like to warmly invite you to participate in the above round table meeting in the European Parliament on Tuesday September 18, 2012.

MedArtNet brings together professional fishermen from Greece, Italy, France and Spain, engaged in small-scale fishery activities. MedArtNet is concerned about, and therefore strongly committed to the future of the Mediterranean Sea, its fisheries, and the thousands of fishery dependent families. MedArtNet aspires to provide a platform for artisanal fishery interests in the Mediterranean Sea, a fishery which accounts for over 60% of the European artisanal fleet.

Our main aim is to contribute to realizing a prosperous and healthy Mediterranean Sea through an absolute commitment to sustainable fisheries. We propose to achieve this aim through an approach based on spatial management and the development of participatory management plans that promote co-responsibility over resources (co-management).

In order to present this proposal in a more concrete and practical way, in the context the CFP reform, we plan to organize roundtable on September 18th at 11:30 in the European Parliament (room ASP 5F385). The programme of the meeting is as follows:

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- 11:30 Welcome of Gabriel Mato Adrover, MEP and chairman of the Fisheries Committee
- 11:45 Presentation on MedArtNet and its proposals.
- 12:15 Questions, Discussion and Conclusions
- 13:00 Closure

The Mediterranean Platform of Artisanal Fishers is dedicated to taking forward this approach, and we call on you to work together with us towards establishing a Mediterranean Sea that is more sustainable, environmentally, economically and socially, and in line with the newly adopted Rio +20 summit objectives.

We look forward to engaging with you to achieve this. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions, which we would be happy to respond to.

Yours sincerely,



Ramon Tarridas

President, Mediterranean Platform of Artisanal Fishers.