**CONFERENCE ON THE REGIONAL MULTIANNUAL PLAN FOR SMALL PELAGICS IN THE ADRIATIC SEA**

**20th March 2017, Hotel Falkensteiner, Zadar, Croatia**

**MARCH 19**

*Arrival of the Delegations*

**20:30** Welcome Cocktail Reception

*Venue: Barbara Bar, on the Reception of the hotel Borik Funimation*

**MARCH 20**

*MORNING*

**8:30 Visit to the manifestation Breakfast from Croatian farms**

*Venue: Hotel Adriana, Restaurant Adriana*

The event is organized by Croatian Agricultural Agency in order to present the system of voluntary labeling of animal products. At the Breakfast with Croatian farms are served traditional local agricultural products with labels *Milk from Croatian farms*, *Meat from Croatian farms*, *Honey from our beautiful country*, *Eggs from Croatia farms* and *Bread from Croatian fields* and products specific to each county in which is manifestation organized.

**09:00 registration of the participants of the Conference**

Venue: in front of the Hall Novi park

**09:30 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Venue: Hall Novi park, Hotel Borik Funimation

*Opening speech: Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia, Tomislav Tolušić*

*Opening speech: European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella*

**09:45 Adriatic – the pilot project for regional planning in the Mediterranean**

* *Presentation of the proposal of the Regulation on the multiannual plan for small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea: European Commission*
* *Status of the small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea – facts and challenges:* STECF
* *Croatia – overview of the regional context and local specificities Assistant Minister for Fisheries, Ante Mišura (Croatia)*

**10:30 Brief introductory statements by delegations** (*max 5 minutes per delegation*)

*Introductory statements: Adriatic Member States*

*Introductory statement: MEDAC*

*Introductory statements: Other interested delegations*

**11:15**  **Coffee break**

**11:45 Panel discussion (representatives of the European Commission, STECF,**

**MEDAC and Adriatic member states)**

*Moderator: Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

**13:30 - 15:00 Lunch with the Delegations**

Venue: Restaurant Hotel Borik Funimation

*AFTERNOON*

**15:00 – 16:00 Conference conclusions**

*Moderator: Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

*Presentation of the conclusions by the Moderator and closure of the conference*

**16:30 – 18:00 *Guided tour through Zadar’s historic Old Town and visit to the Exhibition “Gold and silver of Zadar”***

*Departure in front of the main entrance of the Hotel Funimation Borik*

**19:00 – 21:00 *Social dinner hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia***

*Venue: Restaurant in the Hotel Borik Funimation*