

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Mr Avram,

With reference to your letter to Ms Lowri Evans (ref. 34/03.2011), I would like to congratulate you on the organisation of a very interesting event for the celebration of the European Maritime Day in Romania. The success of the European Maritime Day, and of the EU maritime policy as a whole, is measured by the active role that authorities and stakeholders alike at various levels can play to forge them. We are thus fully supportive of this relevant initiative and would like to ensure our direct participation.

To this effect, I am glad to inform you that Ms Daniela Gritti, policy officer for maritime affairs in the Black Sea, will attend the event on behalf of DG MARE. You can refer to her directly (<u>daniela.gritti@ec.europa.eu</u>) for any question regarding her participation. As requested, Ms Gritti will address the role of the Integrated Maritime Policy in the Black Sea within the framework of existing initiatives in the region and of the recent adoption of the report of Mr Traian Ungureanu MEP on "a new strategy for the Black Sea".

I wish you a very successful event.

Yours sincerely,

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