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Subject: Invitation to the conference on “Innovation in fisheries areas”

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are kindly invited to the conference on “**Innovation in fisheries areas**”, which will take place in **Vigo, Spain**, on **19 October 2010**. The conference, jointly organised by the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the Directorate General for Regional Policy, is supported by the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) and the Galician Regional Government. The provisional programme is attached to this invitation.

The conference will gather actors from various fisheries-related sectors in order to exchange experiences and define future roles and strategies for EU funded innovation in fisheries and maritime areas.

High-profile speakers will present case studies and examples of innovation in fisheries and maritime areas. These will focus on best practices that could help add value and diversify their economic base, such as renewable energies and tourism in coastal areas.

The panel discussions are organised around four themes:

- Information, communication and technologies in the fisheries industry.
- Energy/environment (renewable energies in coastal areas).
- Coastal and fishing tourism and other activities of economic diversification.
- Innovation in fishing, aquaculture and fish processing industries.

Registration

Electronic registration is available online. If you would like to attend the conference, you are kindly requested to register online by clicking on the following internet address:
<http://www.amiando.com/LOYHWSM.html>

Please enter the following code to register: **Vigoconference2010**

Please note that the deadline for registration is **26 September 2010**.

Travel expenses and hotel accommodation

Please note that you will have to take care of your flight arrangements and hotel reservation. We kindly suggest you to book your flight/train tickets and hotel room as soon as possible, in order to benefit from better prices.

Social activity

You are kindly invited by the Galician Regional Government to a **conference dinner** that will be held on 19 October. We would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance via the online registration form. Further information on the venue will follow in the coming weeks.

Contact point

The conference is organised on behalf of the European Commission by **GOPA-Cartermill**. You may address any query to:

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