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European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Karmenu Vella visits Sofia 23 – 24 March 2015

The European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Mr. Karmenu Vella will visit Bulgaria on 23 - 24 March 2015.

Mr. Vella will participate **in the international conference 'Intelligent and Blue Growth – New Opportunities for Blue Economy in the Black sea Region' that will take place at the Balkan Hotel, Sofia on 24 March from 0930 h.** Together with Minister of Transport Mr. Ivaylo Moskovski Mr. Vella will officially open the forum organised by the European Commission and the Bulgarian Ministry of Transport with the participation of representatives of Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Black Sea regional organisations.

Mr. Vella and Mr. Moskovski will give a **joint media briefing from 1045 h. on Tuesday, 24 March, at the Balkan Hotel.**

В рамките на форума г-н Вела и г-н Московски ще дадат **съвместен брифинг за медиите от 10.45 часа във вторник, 24 март**, в хотел "Балкан", София.

During the visit Commissioner Vella will have also bilateral working meetings with the Minister of Environment and Waters Ms Ivelina Vassileva, the Minister of Agriculture and Forests Ms Dessislava Taneva and the Minister of Tourism Ms Nikolina Angelkova.

Commissioner Vella will be introduced to the results of a project for the protection of the birds of prey in Bulgaria implemented by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds with the support of the LIFE+ programme. **After 1500 h. on 24 March he will visit that Imperial Eagle wall of 32nd School in Sofia on Todor Alexandrov blvd.** The beautiful graffiti wall is a part of the project aimed at promoting the efforts for the preserving of this magnificent bird among the young people.

The programme of the international conference 'Intelligent and Blue Growth – New Opportunities for Blue Economy in the Black sea Region' and a background note on the EU maritime policies are attached

Both the conference and the visit to the project site are open for the media.

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