



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE  
PARTICIPATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF BSEC PERMIS IN THE HIGH  
LEVEL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE SMALL-FISHERIES (SSF)  
(Malta 25-26 September 2018)**

Upon the invitation from the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), the responsible Executive Manager of BSEC PERMIS, Mr. Alexei Nistrean, participated in the “*High Level Conference on sustainable small-fisheries*” (SSF) held in Malta on 25-26 September 2018.

The Conference was organized by GFCM and hosted by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change of Malta with the participation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights of Malta, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and other high-level representatives from the ministries of agriculture of the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries.

The Conference discussed:

- “*the role of SSF in supporting scientific research and data collection*”;
- “*improving small-scale fisher livelihoods*”;
- “*promoting decent work and supporting the role of women*”;
- “*promoting co-management to achieve sustainable small-scale fisheries*”;
- “*the role of platforms to enhance and promote cooperation among small-scale fisheries.*”

In his statement, the Executive Manager mentioned that fisheries and aquaculture issues are constantly considered in the framework of BSEC, most recently during the first International Conference on Fisheries and Blue Growth organized by BSEC PERMIS and Sariyer Municipality in Istanbul in 2017. He stated the second similar Conference will be convened in Istanbul in 2019.

The heads of delegations of the participating countries signed the Ministerial Declaration on a Regional Plan of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.