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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development

Date: Monday 30 January 2012 at **10:00 (whole day)** and

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi **145**, 1048 BRUSSELS

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2012 at **9:30 (whole day)**

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (the rural development regulation)  
15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)  
18841/11 (Presidency note)

*- Second technical examination of the following themes:*

1. Forestry
2. Agri-environment-climate
3. Natura 2000 and Water framework directive payments
4. Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints

(Articles 22-27, 29-33, 35)

Forestry items will be taken first at the beginning of the meeting on Monday 30 January 2012. Delegations are invited to involve their forestry experts.

The Presidency invites delegations to email written contributions focusing on the most important areas where adjustments are needed and explaining the reason for this, including concrete proposals for provisions that should be redrafted and text amendments to bring about simplification or improve consistency.

**The deadline for written contributions is 23 January 2012.** They should be sent by email and, if possible, **in English**, to [agriculture.structures@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:agriculture.structures@consilium.europa.eu) and [margus.alver@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:margus.alver@consilium.europa.eu).

3. Any other business
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