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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development (Rural Development)

Date: Monday 12 March 2012 at **10:00 (whole day)**

Venue: COUNCIL

**LEX BUILDING** (Meeting Room 1)

Rue de la Loi **145**, 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)  
6964/12 (Presidency note)

*- Second technical examination of the following themes:*

## 1. Monitoring and evaluation

Articles 74-78 (*continued from the last meeting*)

## 2. Innovation

The discussion may cover the following Articles:

- Advisory services - knowledge transfer - quality measure (a.o. Articles 14-17)
- Investments (Article 18)
- Cooperation (Article 36)
- EIP - Prize for innovation (a.o. Articles 56-63)
- State aid (a.o. Articles 87-89)

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## 3. Any other business

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