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The 3161st session of the Council of the European Union - **AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES** - will take place on Thursday 26 April (11.00) and Friday 27 April (09.30) in the Kirchberg Conference Centre in Luxembourg, under the presidency of **Ms Mette GJERSKOV**, Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

AGRICULTURE

Reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP): direct payments

- (a) Young farmers, small farmers, voluntary coupled support and top ups for farmers in areas with natural constraints
 - (b) Internal redistribution, active farmer and capping of support to large farms
- Orientation debate (public debate)*

FISHERIES

Reform of the common fisheries policy (CFP): basic provisions

- (a) Regionalisation
 - (b) Transferable fishing concessions
- Orientation debate (public debate)*

Any other business

Animal welfare - protection of pigs

Communication - promotion measures for agricultural products

Lunch debate on Friday 27 April 2012 at 13.00 on "The socio-economic dimension of the CFP".

*This meeting will be held in the **Kirchberg Conference Centre** on place de l'Europe. The press entrance is situated on 2 rue Fort Thüngen. For practical details, please see the [media guide on the new facilities](#).*

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A first press conference on agricultural issues will be organised at the end of the first day of meeting (+/-17.30). A second press conference on fisheries will be organised at the end of the second day of meeting before lunch (+/-12.30).

The public events and the press conference can be followed by video streaming:

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