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The 3234th session of the Council of the European Union - **AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES** - will take place on Monday 22 April 2013 (10.00) in the Kirchberg Conference Centre in Luxembourg, under the presidency of **Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine of Ireland**.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

AGRICULTURE

- **Reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP)**
 - Direct payments
 - Single common market organisation (CMO)
 - Rural development
 - Horizontal regulation*State of play (public)*

FISHERIES

- **Reform of the common fisheries policy (CFP): basic regulation**
Orientation debate (public)
- **Reform of the CFP: market regulation**
State of play (public)
- **Action plan for reducing incidental catches of seabirds in fishing gears**
Presentation by the Commission

Any other business

- CAP: transitional measures for 2014
- EU fisheries agreements with Mauritania and Morocco

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Public debates/Public deliberations¹:

The list of items for public debate / deliberation will be available on the [Open Sessions](#) page of the Council website.

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Press conferences: *A first press conference on agriculture will be organised at lunch time (+/- 12.40). A second press conference on fisheries issues will take place at the end of the session (+/- 17.30)..*

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