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### **Composition of the Steering Board of the European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability**

To ensure the successful development and implementation of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability, a High Level Steering Board has been appointed by Dacian Cioloş, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development and Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, who will co-chair the Steering Board.

The High Level Steering Board consists of 42 high level personalities who represent key interests across the agricultural innovation landscape such as Member State representatives, regions, farmers' and forestry organisations, agricultural scientists, environmental and consumer organisations as well as up- and downstream actors.

The High Level Steering Board will provide the EIP with guidance. It will kick-off the implementation of the EIP and establish a Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) which will give strategic advice to the EIP and provide orientation on its main working areas. The SIP will also specify the potential added-value of EIP actions in a particular area, identify bottlenecks and opportunities, and provide recommendations on how to accelerate innovation action and knowledge exchange.

To achieve the above objectives the High Level Steering Board will inter alia:

- identify strategic priorities and areas of operation for the EIP;
- identify main acting stakeholders as well as the broader stakeholder communities involved in and driving the EIP, analyse bottlenecks at different levels and for different types of stakeholders and recommend strategic solutions for tackling those bottlenecks through the EIP;
- make recommendations on how to pursue innovative solutions which advance productivity whilst integrating environmental and social concerns.
- make recommendations on enabling conditions and success factors for the effective and efficient implementation of the EIP;

In order to support the High Level Steering Board, its members will nominate Sherpas, who will be in charge of drafting the SIP and who will interact directly with the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, which will provide the function of the secretariat of the High Level Steering Board.

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