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*Article 53*

*EIP network*

1. A EIP network shall be put in place to support the EIP for agricultural productivity

and sustainability referred to in Article 61, in accordance with Article 51(1). It shall

enable the networking of operational groups, advisory services and researchers

2. The tasks of the EIP network shall be to:

(a) provide a help desk function and provide information to key actors

concerning the EIP;

(b) animate discussions at the level of the programme in view of encouraging the

setting up of operational groups;

(c) screen and report on research results and knowledge relevant to the EIP;

(d) collect, consolidate and disseminate good practice relevant to innovation;

(e) organise conferences and workshops and disseminate information in the field

of the EIP.

3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the organisational

structure and operation of the EIP network. Those implementing acts shall be

adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 91.