IMPROTANT NOTES FOR THIS YEAR'S FLEET ECONOMIC DATA CALL

EU-MAP	This year's call requests data pertaining to the EU-MAP years, i.e., 2017/18 More information on new variables, variable definitions and recommended methodologies/data sources can be found in the PGECON Guidance Document here
DCF	Previous DCF data (2008-2016) submitted last year may be revised and re-submitted in this year's call. New data templates for the new uploading portlet are required for this. If all previous DCF years (2008-2016) were completely and correctly submitted last year, these data will be re-used by the JRC to produce the 2019 AER.
NOT REQUESTED / OPTIONAL	• Recreational catches • All fleet segment data at the gear-type level (all years) • The effort variable: Length of nets; number of hooks; number of nets; number of traps; pots; soaking time; GT hours at sea; kW hours at sea and hours at Sea.
REQUESTED - NOT COMPUSLSORY UNDER EU_MAP	• Employment in full-time equivalent (FTE national) - to allow for continued time-series analyses (e.g. GVA per FTE) • GT days at sea and kW days at sea – for more detailed regional analyses
TEMPLATES	New templates are available here The file format is now Comma Separated Value (CSV) (Comma delimited); hence, metadata and the DV Tool that were previously embedded in the old templates are not available anymore. Information on acronyms (=variable codes), units, data types for each template are provided in the tab Template (EU-MAP and DCF). The DV Tool is accessible online, before and during uploading.
NEW UPLOAD PORTLET	Implements a new file naming convention and more streamlined transmission procedure. The upload facility is composed of two main tabs: • Overview: monitors upload attempts, status of uploaded files and validation error messages • Upload: user interface to upload data and permits submitting 10 files simultaneously by 'drag&drop' Quality checks through the online DV Tool are applied directly to each file upon uploading. If validation is successful, the application removes all the previous entered values in the table and the year(s) that it finds in the uploaded file before loading the new values. This means that the full dataset for any given year must be uploaded each time that any value is added/removed/edited for that year. File validation is delivered in near real-time and the user is not requested to wait for the process to complete before being able to upload another file (click for more details on how to upload)
DV TOOL	The online DV Tool can be used to check data files before uploading and without logging in to the portlet. Link We recommend that you use this facility to help detect errors and avoid problems before uploading data.
GEOGRAPHICAL STRATIFICATION BY REGION	Note that the geographical stratification in the EU-MAP has been redefined. Apart from more disaggregated regions, the CECAF areas around Madera and the Canary Islands are now included in the Supra region NAO (previously termed Area 27). Under the DCF, these areas were included in OFR (Other regions).

	For time-series consistency, it is important to re-define the Supra-region for fleet segments under the DCF (years 2008 to 2016) according to the EU-MAP.
CAPACITY_FS	As with the DCF, the Capacity_fs file must be submitted first or along with the first batch of files uploaded. Whenever a new capacity_fs file is uploaded, all other templates with fleet segment data must be resubmitted as well.
CLUSTERS	Fleet segments that are clustered to report sensitive economic data must be identified in the CAPACITY template by a CLUSTER_NAME under the corresponding column, for each year.
	We suggest following the STECF recommendation in naming clusters after the main fleet segment while also adding the Supra Region, for example: AREA27 HOK VL1824 (SUPRA_REGION + FISHING_TECHNOLOGY + VESSEL_LENGTH). The Geo-indicator can also be added.
	CLUSTER consistency should be maintained over the time series as far as possible, i.e., it is more important to keep cluster consistency than to follow the 10-vessel recommendation. More information on clustering can be found [here](#)
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATOR	All templates include the possibility of adding the geographical code to identify fleet segments operating in outermost regions and fleet segments operating predominately or exclusively in non-EU waters. Provision of this information is not compulsory but highly recommended. More information can be found [here](#)
FAO SPECIES CODES	The updated FAO species list can be found [here](#)
	The 3-alpha codes that have recently changed are: OTF is now BWM and IOZ has been split into IOZ (*Sepiola parva*) and IOX (*Sepiola spp*). You can get an updated version
	The code "OTHER" and "UNKNOWN" have changed to "OTH" to align with the other data calls.
GFCM-GSA	Effort (FAO) and Landings data are requested by [GFCM-GSA](#) level for the Mediterranean & Black seas.
MISSING DATA/NOT AVAILABLE	If a value is missing, leave cell blank and provide ["NA" + reason] in the Comments column. If a comment is not applicable then simply do not provide the entire row, i.e., no blank values.
	A zero value "0" must be used exclusively for values that are in fact zero (e.g. income from fishing rights = 0).
PREPARATION OF MS ANNUAL REPORTS	MS may again provide the four additional variables to support the preparation of MS Annual Reports on the implementation of the National programme:
	• In CAPACITY: Frame Population and Survey Name • Other TEMPLATES: Response Rate and Data Source for fleet segment level.
	The provision of these data is non-mandatory and only MS that wish to participate in this exercise should provide this information. More details can be found [here](#)
HELP	Please contact jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu if you have any queries on any of the above or any other aspects of the data call and uploading procedures.