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**To:** DCF National Correspondents  
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**Subject:** **Call for socio economic data on the EU fish processing sector**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

As envisaged in Council Regulation No 2017/1004, the Commission herewith would like to ask Member States to provide aggregated scientific data from within their National Data Collection programs to support scientific advice in EU fisheries.

The data will be processed and analysed by JRC and STECF<sup>1</sup> experts to produce *The EU fish processing sector. Economic Report 2019*.

**Variables**

**The variable we are asking for in this data call are summarised on Tables 1<sup>2</sup> to 3.** They include similar variables as in previous calls plus some additional social data (i.e. breakdowns for employment).

**The time reference for this data call is 2008–2017.** Data for 2018 can be submitted on a voluntary basis by those Member States where they are available

In order to improve the effectiveness of this data call, and on voluntary basis, **MS authorise the JRC to re-use datasets submitted in previous fish processing data calls** provided that they are complete<sup>3</sup>. In this case, the MS will not need to submit again the same datasets but only the updates for the recent data.

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<sup>1</sup> The dedicated STECF expert working group will take place from 18 to 22 November 2019.

<sup>2</sup> This table is based on Commission implementing decision (EU) 2016/1251 (EU-MAP), Table 11.

<sup>3</sup> This authorisation could be revoked by explicit decision by the Member States concerned.

Please, note that the entry into force of the new EU-MAP implies some minor changes in the names of the reported variables.

**Table 1. EU fish processing sector - Economic data**

Category	Variable	Years (DCF)	Years (EU-MAP)
<b>Income (€ million)</b>			
	Turnover*	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Subsidies	2008-2015	n.a.
	Operating Subsidies	n.a.	2016-2018
	Subsidies on investments	n.a.	2016-2018
	Other income	2008-2015	2016-2018
* Turnover ONLY for the primary activity of fish processing. If a MS is unable to provide this details, it should clarify it when replying to the data call			
<b>Expenditure (€ million)</b>			
	Personnel costs*	2008-2015	2016-2018
	(Imputed) value of unpaid labour	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Payment for external agency workers (optional)	n.a.	2016-2018
	Purchase of fish and other raw material for production	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Energy costs	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Extraordinary costs, net	2008-2015	n.a.
	Other operational costs	2008-2015	2016-2018
* For the DCF, it was called "wages and salaries of staff", but it already included social security costs.			
<b>Capital Cost (€ million)</b>			
	Consumption of fixed capital*	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Financial costs, net	2008-2015	n.a.
	Financial income	n.a.	2016-2018
	Financial expenditures	n.a.	2016-2018
* It was called "Depreciation of capital" under the DCF			
<b>Capital Value (€ million)</b>			
	Total value of assets	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Net Investments	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Debt	2008-2015	2016-2018
<b>Raw material (Kg)</b>			
	Weight of raw material per species and origin (optional)	n.a.	2016-2018
<b>Employment (number)</b>			
	Number of persons employed	2008-2015	2016-2018
	FTE National	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Male FTEs	2008-2015	n.a.
	Female FTEs	2008-2015	n.a.
	Unpaid labour	n.a.	2016-2018
	Number of hours worked by employees and unpaid workers	n.a.	2016-2018
<b>Number of firms (number)</b>			
	Total	2008-2015	2016-2018
	Up to 10 employees	2008-2015	2016-2018
	From 11 to 49 employees	2008-2015	2016-2018
	From 50 to 249 employees	2008-2015	2016-2018
	250 or more employees	2008-2015	2016-2018

Note: All data refer to firms with fish processing as main activity

**Table 2. EU fish processing sector - Firms with fish processing as secondary activity**

Variable	Years
Total number of firms (overall)	2008-2018
Turnover (€ million)	2008-2018

**Table 3. EU fish processing sector – Social data**

Category	Variable	Years (EU-MAP)
<b>Employment (number)</b>		
<i>... by gender</i>		
	Male employees	2016-2018
	Female employees	2016-2018
	Unknown gender	2016-2018
<i>... by nationality</i>		
	Nationals from the Member State	2016-2018
	Nationals from other EU Member State	2016-2018
	Nationals from EEA countries (non-EU Member States)	2016-2018
	Nationals from other third countries	2016-2018
	Unknown nationality	2016-2018
<i>... by education level*</i>		
	Low education level	2016-2018
	Medium education level	2016-2018
	High education level	2016-2018
	Unknown education level	2016-2018
<i>... by age</i>		
	From 15 to 24	2016-2018
	From 25 to 39	2016-2018
	From 40 to 64	2016-2018
	65 and older	2016-2018
	Unknown age	2016-2018

\* Low education level: primary school and lower secondary school; Medium education level: upper secondary school and post-secondary non-tertiary education; High education level: all types of tertiary education including short-cycle, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral and their equivalent.

Note: All data refer to firms with fish processing as main activity

This year, the Report will include a special chapter with an analysis of the raw material used by the fish processing sector. A few Member States carried out pilot studies about this subject. Those Member States are requested to submit the outcome of their pilot studies so that this information can be used by the Experts in the elaboration of the Special Chapter on Raw Material.

## Procedure

Member States should follow the agreed **procedure for transmission of data** (by uploading data onto the JRC server) and abide to the data handling procedures for STECF Expert Working Groups (Ref. Ares(2015)498884 - 06/02/2015).

Full details of all the parameters, aggregation levels and uploading **instructions for this call** can be found on the JRC data collection website: <https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/data-calls>

**Data templates** are available on the JRC data collection website for downloading and should be used to submit the data requested under the current data call. Each Member State requires a password in order to submit data. These passwords are the ones in possession of the Member States. Member States who no longer have a record of their password or want to change them, should contact the JRC data submission team by emailing [jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu).

In addition, the JRC data submission team can be **contacted for guidance** by emailing [jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu)

**Time schedule**

As per Article 17.3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2017/1004, Member States are kindly requested to **supply the specified data by 21 October 2019**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Bernhard FRIESS