

The Commission Decision (EU) 2016/1251 does not specify the need to report stratified social data, consequently MS are only obliged to report the national totals for the social data. However, PGECON recognised that reporting social variables at more disaggregated levels could be desirable when added value to the social analysis is provided.

PGECON and the JRC agreed on a social data template to be flexible to accommodate the reporting of data at different stratification levels depending on the MS needs and availability.

Thus, we recommend the following potential stratification levels:

- Environment (Marine, Freshwater, Shellfish, and [blank]),
- Main species (Salmon, Trout, Sea bass & Sea bream, Carp, Tuna, Eel, Sturgeon, Other freshwater fish, Other marine fish, Mussel, Oyster, Clam, Crustaceans, Other molluscs, Multispecies, Seaweeds, Other aquatic animals, and [blank]),
- Main technology (Ponds, Tanks and race-ways, Enclosures and pens, Recirculation systems, Other methods, Cages, Polyculture, Hatcheries & nurseries, Rafts, Longline, On-bottom, Other, and [blank]),
- Geo-indicator (as detailed in: <https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/wordef/geographical-indicator> and [blank]) to specify outermost regions (e.g. Madeira, Canary Islands, Reunion),
- Segment (seg1.1, seg1.2, seg1.3, etc., and [blank]),
- and farmer (e.g. 1, 2, 3) when reporting individual data.

Data would be reported at the national totals when reporting all stratification levels in blank. Instead when reporting one or more stratification levels different than Blank, it would be possible to submit more disaggregated data.

The Commission Decision (EU) 2016/1251 does not does not specify the need to use report combined variables and consequently MS are only obliged to report social indicators independently. However, PGECON recognised that reporting social variables combined could be desirable when added value to the social analysis is provided.

When reporting all variables requested in blank but one in a row, MS could report data stratified independently. Instead, when reporting at the same time more than one variable requested different than blank, MS could report data combined.

Social data (i.e., gender, age, education level, nationality and employment status) should be reported using predefined groups.

- Gender: Female, Male, unknown
- Age: <=14, 15-24, 25-39, 40-64, >=65, unknown.
- Education level: Low, Medium, High, unknown.
- Employment status: Employee (which can be disaggregated into Employee full, Employee part), Owner, unknown.
- Nationality: national, EU, EEA, non-EU/EEA, unknown.

These codes are not case sensitive.

PGECON recommended that social data should be reported (raised) for the total population. PGECON noted that MS are in the best position to know how to raise their sample data to their whole population. PGECON also recommended to report the sampling strategy and size.

Finally, PGECON recommended not to report additional social indicators, even if the MS collected them. In any case, information on these additional social indicators could be added by the experts when writing the national chapter if they consider relevant.