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To:	DCF National Correspondents of Member States to EU
From:	Stylianos MITOLIDIS
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Subject:	Call for social data on the EU fishing, aquaculture and fish processing sectors-2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

As foreseen Regulation (EU) 2017/1004¹, the Commission herewith asks 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 experts to produce *The Social Data in EU fisheries* report.

We are asking for Employment by gender, age, education, nationality, and employment status; FTEs by gender, and Unpaid labour by gender, for the fishing and aquaculture sectors, as detailed in Table 9 of the Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167. While for the countries involved in the fish processing sector data collection, the variables to be reported are: Employment by gender, age, education, and nationality; and FTEs by gender, detailed in Table 10 of the Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910.

These are the same EU-MAP social variables as requested in the previous 2023 EU fish processing sector, 2024 EU aquaculture sector and 2022 EU fishing fleet data calls.

In order to improve the effectiveness of this data call, and on voluntary basis, **MS authorise the JRC to re-use the social datasets submitted in previous data calls** provided that they are complete². In this case, the MS will not need to submit again the same datasets previously submitted, but only the updates for the recent data.

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://dcf.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.

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

Time schedule

As per Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are kindly requested to **supply the specified data by 25 September 2025**.

We look forward to your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Stylianos MITOLIDIS

¹ OJ L 157, 20.6.2017, p. 1.

² This authorisation could be revoked by explicit decision by the Member States concerned.