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Subject: **2026 Data call for economic, energy consumption, employment, effort
and landings datasets on the EU fishing fleets**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As stipulated in 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. In particular, this data call will support the production of the 2026 Annual Economic Report of the EU fishing fleets as well as the economic analysis of policy proposals under the CFP, and support ad-hoc requests on socio-economic analysis.

The economic data requested refer to 2024, while previous years (2008-2023) shall be submitted or resubmitted as full annual data sets in cases where the already submitted data are considered incomplete or require correction. Table 1 in the annex gives an overview of the requested datasets. Please note that the years requested for each parameter type vary depending on expected availability.

The theoretical maximum number of days at sea is again requested at the fleet segment level by supra region. This parameter is required to estimate the technical indicator *Vessel Use*, as described in the Commission Services Guidelines for the assessment of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities. Additionally, employment in full-time equivalent (FTE) and two additional effort variables (GT days at sea and kW days at sea) are requested to allow for continued time-series and regional analyses. Please note that the submission of these data is compulsory under the EU-MAP.

The Member States are kindly requested to follow up on discrepancies reported by the STECF 25-10 Fisheries Dependent Information, in particular section 3.4. Member States should follow the agreed procedure for transmission of data (by uploading data onto the Joint Research Centre (JRC) server) and abide to the data handling procedures for STECF

¹ OJ L 157, 20.6.2017, p. 1.

Expert Working Groups (Ref. Ares(2015)498884 - 06/02/2015). Deadlines for data submission and/or re-submission, where relevant, will be observed in line with the recommendations provided by STECF. 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 for download on the DCF website and must be used to submit the data required for the current data call, as well as to resubmit data for any of the previous years.

To officially submit your data for validation and storage, please use the ‘upload tool’, which is protected by EU-login access. Detailed instructions are provided alongside the tool on the DCF website. In addition, the JRC data submission team can be contacted for guidance by emailing jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu

In order to improve the effectiveness of this data call, and on a voluntary basis, MS will be able to:

- Authorise the JRC to re-use datasets submitted in last year’s economic data call provided that they are complete. In this case, the MS will not need to submit again the same datasets.
- Provide data for fleet segments operating in outermost regions and fleets operating exclusively in non-EU waters, distinguishing these from mainland fleet segments by using the ‘Geographical Indicator’.
- Provide clustered data for those fleet segments with a low number of fishing vessels that would prevent the submission of data by fleet segment.
- Provide data using the ‘Gear’ and ‘Fishery’ dimensions to differentiate between fleet segments using the same gear-type or operating within a specific fishery.
- Similarly, provide data using the new “Activity level” dimension to differentiate the vessels with low activity in a fleet segment from the rest of the vessels in the segment.

The Commission reminds the Member States that the data submitted under this call are used for various policy analyses, including the fleet report assessment. Therefore, the coverage and the quality of the data are crucial for the policy implementation.

Time schedule

As per Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are kindly requested to supply the data as specified by 25 February. We cannot guarantee that late data submissions may be fully considered for the 2026 Annual Economic Report of the EU fishing fleets.

We look forward to your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY

ANNEX

Table 1. Fleet economic data call content

Variable group	Variable	Unit	Years	Aggregation level	Other requested fields	AR support fields**
Number of fishing enterprises/units	1 owned vessel	Number	2024-2025	Yearly, by: 1) National totals		
	2-5 owned vessels					
	>5 owned vessels					
Employment	Paid labour	Number	2024		Sampling Strategy, Achieved Sample Rate, Coefficient of Variation	
	Unpaid labour					
	Full-time equivalent (FTE)					
	Total hours worked per year (optional)	Hour				
Income	Gross value of landings	Euro	2024-2025*		(for national totals, only achieved sample rate is requested)	
	Income from leasing out quota or other fishing rights		2024			
	Other income					
Subsidies	Operating subsidies	Euro	2024			
	Subsidies on investments					
Labour costs	Personnel costs	Euro	2024	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region		
	Value of unpaid labour					
Energy costs	Energy costs	Euro	2024			
Repair & maintenance costs	Repair and maintenance costs	Euro	2024	2) National totals		
Other operating costs	Other variable costs	Euro	2024		Geographical Indicator at fleet segment level	
	Other non-variable costs					
	Lease/rental payments for quota or other fishing rights					
Capital costs	Consumption of fixed capital	Euro	2024			
Capital value	Value of physical capital	Euro	2024			
	Value of quota and other fishing rights					
Investment	Investments in tangible assets (net purchase of assets)	Euro	2024			
Financial position	Gross debt	Euro	2024			
Fleet Capacity	Number of vessels	Number	2024-2025	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region 2) National totals	Geographical Indicator at fleet segment level	Frame population, Survey name (at fleet segment level only)
	Mean LOA of vessels	Metre				
	Total vessel tonnage	GT				

	Total vessel power	kW				
	Mean age of vessels	Year				
Effort	Fishing days	Day	2024-2025*	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region	Sampling Strategy, Achieved Sample Rate, Coefficient of Variation	Data source, Response rate (at fleet segment level only)
	Days at sea					
	kW Fishing days**	kWday	2024	2) (1) + FAO area level 4 for the Baltic), GFCM-GSA for the Mediterranean & Black Sea and FAO area level 3 for all other regions)		
	GT Fishing days**	GTday				
	kW days at sea**	kWday				
	GT days at sea**	GTday		3) National totals		
	Energy Consumption	Litre	2024	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region		
	Number of fishing trips	Number				
	Maximum days at sea	Day	2024	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region		
Landings per species	Live weight of landings per species	kg	2024-2025*	Yearly, by: 1) Fleet segment and Supra-region, FAO area level 4 (Baltic), GFCM-GSA (Mediterranean & Black Sea), FAO area level 3 (All other regions)*** 2) National totals		
	Value of landings per species	Euro				
Recreational Catches	Weight of catch	kg	2018-2025*	Yearly, by: 1) Region (level 2)		

* 2025 data not mandatory but requested where possible in order to estimate economic projections for 2025. These data, when provided, will be flagged as preliminary in the 2026 Annual Fleet Economic report and corresponding data tables.

** kW*Days at sea; kW *Fishing days – use of active gears only.

GT*Days at sea; GT*Fishing days – use of passive gears only.

*** To facilitate the regional analysis, landings data by species are welcomed at more detailed level when available, in particular for the Outermost Regions.