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European Statistics on Demography  
– Outcome of the European Parliament's proceedings  
(Strasbourg, 15 to 18 April 2013)

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Rapporteur, Mr Csaba SOGOR (EPP-RO), presented a report consisting of 23 amendments (amendments 1-23) to the proposal for a Regulation, on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. The EUL/NGL political group and a group of more than 40 members tabled two amendments ( amendments 24 and 26) and the EUL/NGL presented one further amendment (amendments 25).

#### **II. DEBATE**

No debate took place.

### **III. VOTE**

When it voted on 18 April 2010, the Parliament adopted 23 amendments (amendments 1-23) to the Commission's proposal. The vote on the legislative resolution was postponed to a later session, thereby not closing the first reading. The matter was then referred back to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, pursuant to Rule 57(2) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure.

The text of the adopted amendments is set out in the Annex hereto.

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## European statistics on demography \*\*\*I

Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 18 April 2013 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on demography (COM(2011)0903 – C7-0518/2011 – 2011/0440(COD))<sup>1</sup>

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 4

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) Pursuant to Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Commission submits every three years a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the progress made towards achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion. The preparation of these reports and the regular monitoring of demographic developments and of possible future demographic challenges in the *EU* regions, including different types of regions such as cross-border regions, metropolitan regions, rural regions, mountain and island regions, require annual regional data at NUTS 3 regional level. Since demographic ageing displays strong regional differences, Eurostat is requested to prepare regional projections on a regular basis in order to complement the demographic picture of the NUTS 2 regions in the European Union.

##### *Amendment*

(4) Pursuant to ***the second paragraph of*** Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Commission submits every three years a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the progress made towards achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion. The preparation of these reports and the regular monitoring of demographic developments and of possible future demographic challenges in the ***Union's*** regions, including different types of regions such as cross-border regions, metropolitan regions, rural regions, mountain and island regions, require annual regional data at NUTS 3 regional level. Since demographic ageing displays strong regional differences, ***the Commission*** (Eurostat) is requested to prepare regional projections on a regular basis in order to complement the demographic picture of the NUTS 2 regions in the European Union.

### Amendment 2

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<sup>1</sup> The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for reconsideration pursuant to Rule 57(2), second subparagraph (A7-0050/2013).

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) The EU sustainable development strategy, launched by the European Council in Gothenburg in 2001 and renewed in June 2006, seeks the continuous improvement of the quality of life for current and future generations. The Eurostat monitoring report, which is published every two years, provides an objective statistical picture of progress, based on the EU set of sustainable development indicators.

*Amendment*

(7) The EU sustainable development strategy, launched by the European Council in Gothenburg in 2001 and renewed in June 2006, seeks the continuous improvement of the quality of life for current and future generations. The **Commission** (Eurostat) monitoring report, which is published every two years, provides an objective statistical picture of progress, based on the EU set of sustainable development indicators.

**Amendment 3**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8a) The strategic objective of the Beijing Platform for Action (1995) provides a reference framework for the generation and dissemination of gender-disaggregated data and information, for planning and policy evaluation reasons.***

**Amendment 4**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) Demographic statistics on population constitute an essential component for the estimation of total population in the framework of the European System of Accounts (ESA).

*Amendment*

(9) Demographic statistics on population constitute an essential component for the estimation of total population in the framework of the European System of Accounts (ESA). ***The updating and purging of data are important when establishing statistics at European level.***

**Amendment 5**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The information on demography should be **consistent** with the relevant information collected pursuant Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers and Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses.

*Amendment*

(11) The information on demography should be **fully in line** with the relevant information collected pursuant Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers and Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses.

**Amendment 6**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) In the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, the national and European statistical authorities should take account of the principles set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011.

*Amendment*

(13) In the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, the national and European statistical authorities, **and, where applicable, other relevant national and regional authorities**, should take account of the principles set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice as reviewed and updated by the European Statistical System Committee on 28 September 2011.

**Amendment 7**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) ‘national’ **means the same as in Article 2(f) of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008, where the territory is as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 in the version applicable at the reference time;**

*Amendment*

(a) ‘national’ **refers to the territory of a Member State within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 in the version applicable at the reference time;**

## Amendment 8

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point b

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) ‘regional’ means *the same as in Article 2(g) of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008* ; for countries that are not members of the European Union, it means the statistical regions at level 1, 2 or 3 as agreed between those countries and the Commission (Eurostat), according to the version applicable at the reference time;

#### *Amendment*

(b) ‘regional’ means *NUTS level 1, NUTS level 2 or NUTS level 3 within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 in the version applicable at the reference time*; for countries that are not members of the European Union, it means the statistical regions at level 1, 2 or 3 as agreed between those countries and the Commission (Eurostat), according to the version applicable at the reference time;

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point c

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) ‘usually resident population’ means all persons having their usual residence in a Member State at the reference time;

#### *Amendment*

(c) ‘usually resident population’ means all persons having their usual residence in a Member State *of the Union* at the reference time;

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point d – introductory part

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) ‘usual residence’ means the *same as in Article 2(d) first paragraph of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008*. The following persons alone shall be considered to be usual residents of the geographical area in question:

#### *Amendment*

(d) ‘usual residence’ means the *place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences*. The following persons alone shall be considered to be usual residents of the geographical area in question:

## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point d – subparagraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Where the circumstances described in point (i) or point (ii) cannot be established, the "usual residence population" shall be estimated from the legal or registered population, using scientifically based, well-documented, and publically available statistical estimation methods that are monitored by the Commission (Eurostat).***

## **Amendment 12**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – point h**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(h) ‘validated data’ means data that fulfil a set of quality criteria for data compilation, including all the checks made in terms of the quality of the data to be published or already published.

*Amendment*

(h) ‘validated data’ means ***statistical*** data that fulfil a set of quality criteria for data compilation, including all the checks made in terms of the quality of the data to be published or already published.

## **Amendment 13**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the population as referred to in Article 2 (c) and (d) at the reference time. ***Where the circumstances described in Article 2 (d)i. or (d)ii. cannot be established, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on population at their place of legal or registered residence at the reference time; in this case, they shall undertake proportionate efforts to compute data which are the closest possible approximation to the population referred to in Article 2 (c) and (d).***

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with ***statistical*** data on the population as referred to in Article 2 (c) and (d) at the reference time. ***The statistical data provided shall cover the following variables:***

***(a) age;***

- (b) sex;
- (c) region of residence.

## Amendment 14

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on vital events **at the reference time, regardless of the place where the events occurred**. Member States shall use the same population definition as for the data referred to in paragraph 1.

#### *Amendment*

2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on vital events **that occurred during the reference period**. Member States shall use the same population definition as **they use** for the data referred to in paragraph 1. **The data provided shall cover the following variables:**

**(a) live births by sex, by month of occurrence, by live birth-order, by mother's age, by mother's year of birth, by mother's country of birth, by mother's country of citizenship and by mother's region of residence;**

**(b) deaths by age, by sex, by year of birth, by region of residence, by country of birth, by country of citizenship and by month of occurrence.**

## Amendment 15

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Member States shall use the **same** population **definition** for all **national and regional** levels **as defined** in Article 2 (a) and (b).

#### *Amendment*

3. Member States shall use the same **definition of** population for all levels, **as given** in Article 2 (a) and (b).



## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3a. Where regional authorities provide national authorities with statistical data, Member States shall forward such data to the Commission (Eurostat), in order to enable it to acquire a more detailed overview of the demographic situation in the Union.**

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. Uniform conditions *related to* the breakdown of data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, as well as to the frequency, deadlines and revisions of data, shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

**4. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts laying down** uniform conditions *for* the breakdown of data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, as well as to the frequency, deadlines and revisions of data. **Those implementing acts** shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

For the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the total population at national level at the reference time, as referred to in Article 2(c), within 8 months from the end of the reference year. ***For the purposes of this Article, Member States shall not provide data on population at their place of legal or registered residence at the***

For the purposes of qualified majority voting in Council, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the total population at national level at the reference time, as referred to in Article 2(c), within 8 months from the end of the reference year.

*reference time.*

#### **Amendment 19**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The reference time for population data shall be the midnight of 31 December.

*Amendment*

1. The reference time for population data shall be the ***end of the reference period*** (midnight of 31 December).

#### **Amendment 22**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Member States shall ensure that the population data as required by Article 3 of this Regulation are consistent with those required by Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 862/2007.

*Amendment*

5. Member States shall ensure that the population data as required by Article 3 of this Regulation are consistent with those required by Article 3(***I***)(c), of Regulation (EC) No 862/2007.

#### **Amendment 23**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

##### ***Article 9a***

##### ***Review Clause***

***The Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of this Regulation by 31 December 2018, and every five years thereafter. In that report, the Commission shall evaluate the quality of the data transmitted by Member States and the impact on the specific purposes referred to in Article 4. The report shall, if appropriate, be accompanied by proposals designed to further improve the functioning of this Regulation.***