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supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and
of the Council by specifying the number and titles of the variables for the
use of information and communication technologies statistics domain for
reference year 2021

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

According to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and Council establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples¹, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts specifying the number of variables and the title of variables of the different data sets. When adopting the delegated act, the number of variables shall not exceed, by more than 5%, the number of variables for each domain of those already required, on a mandatory basis, by the Commission (Eurostat) on 3 November 2019.

This Delegated Regulation covers the number and title of variables for the dataset in the domain use of information and communication technologies for the reference year 2021.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission has carried out appropriate consultations as part of the preparation of this delegated act.

The Commission consulted national experts invited to expert meetings to discuss the draft delegated act. The consultation took place at the meeting of the expert group 'Information Society Statistics' held on 21-22 October 2019 and 3-4 February 2020.

Finally, the Expert Group 'National Statistical Institutes of the European Statistical System' was also consulted and both the European Parliament and the Council were duly informed.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The objective of this delegated Regulation is to adopt the number and the title of the variables for the dataset in the use of information and communication technologies domain for the reference year 2021, according to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

Only the collected variables impact the burden. The increase in the number of collected variables fulfils the requirement of Article 6(2). In particular, the number of variables does not exceed by more than 5%, the number of variables for the use of information and communication technologies domain of those already required, on a mandatory basis, by the Commission (Eurostat) when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force.

The delegated act has no implications for the EU budget.

The delegated act concerns a matter relating to the European Economic Area (EEA) and its application should therefore extend to the EEA.

¹ OJ L 261 I, 14.10.2019, p.1.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98², and in particular Article 6 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to cover the needs identified in the relevant detailed topics of Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700, the Commission should specify the number and titles of the variables for the data set in the use of information and communication technologies domain for reference year 2021.
- (2) The number of variables to be collected pursuant to this Regulation should not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the use of information and communication technologies domain at the time when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The number and titles of the variables for the use of information and communication technologies domain for reference year 2021 are set out in the Annex.

² OJ L 261 I, 14.10.2019, p. 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14.7.2020

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN