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(Text with EEA relevance)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

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 samples, empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts specifying the number and titles of variables for the different data sets. The number of variables laid down in the delegated act should not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables for each domain already required by the Commission (Eurostat), on a mandatory basis, at the time when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force.

This delegated regulation covers the number and titles of variables for the dataset in the income and living conditions domain.

The European Income and Living Conditions Statistics survey (EU-SILC) comprises a core survey and a system under which seven regular modules and three ad-hoc policy need subjects (new domains for which emerging needs for data appears) are combined over a six-year period. This delegated regulation covers only the variables of the core EU-SILC; the first regular module on ‘children’ (children’s material deprivation and children’s health), which is to be implemented in 2021 and then repeated at three-yearly intervals; and one of the ad-hoc subject modules on ‘Living arrangements and conditions of children within separated or blended families’. The other six regular modules on ‘health’, ‘labour market and housing’, ‘quality of life’, ‘intergenerational transmission of disadvantages and housing difficulties’, ‘access to services’ and ‘over-indebtedness, consumption and wealth’ as well as the other ad-hoc policy need subjects will be covered by separate delegated Regulations, to be adopted later, for application starting from 2022.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

In preparing this delegated act, the Commission has conducted appropriate consultations.

It has consulted national experts invited to expert meetings to discuss the draft delegated act. The consultations were held at the meetings of the European directors of social statistics held on 23-24 May 2019 and 27-28 June 2019.

The expert group representing the ‘National Statistical Institutes of the European Statistical System’ has also been consulted.

Finally, the Commission has kept both the European Parliament and the Council informed of the consultations.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The purpose of this delegated regulation is to adopt the number and the titles of the variables for the dataset in the income and living conditions domain, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

Only the collected variables impact on the burden. The increase in the number of collected variables collected (yearly, three-yearly and six-yearly) fulfils the requirement set out in Article 6(2). In particular, the number of variables to be collected does not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the income and living conditions domain at the time 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.

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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 577/98<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to cover the needs identified in the relevant detailed topics, the Commission should specify the number and the titles of the variables for the dataset in the income and living conditions domain (EU-SILC).
- (2) The EU-SILC survey is a key instrument for providing information required by the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular for income distribution, poverty and social exclusion, as well as various related living conditions and poverty EU policies, such as on child poverty, access to health care and other services, housing, over indebtedness and quality of life. It is also the main source of data for microsimulation purposes and flash estimates of income distribution and poverty rates.
- (3) The number of variables to be collected does not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the income and living conditions domain at the time when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force.
- (4) The Commission has carried out appropriate consultations of national experts as part of the preparation of this delegated act,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The number and the titles of the variables for the data set in the income and living conditions domain are set out in the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 261I, 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, 16.12.2019

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*