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From:	Ms Ilze JUHANSONE, Secretary-General of the European Commission
date of receipt:	21 October 2026
To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject:	Annual update of data at national level on the total population for the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council
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Delegations will find attached a letter with an Annex from Ms Ilze JUHANSONE, Secretary-General of the European Commission, on the above-mentioned subject.

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Subject: Update of data at national level on total population for the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council

Dear Secretary-General,

Please see enclosed the total population figures per Member State as of 1 January 2026 to be used for the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council. Eurostat has collected these figures from the Member States in line with Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013¹.

Yours faithfully,

Ilze JUHANSONE

Enclosure: Total population figures as of 1 January 2026, as provided by each Member State

c.c.: Ms Emer FINNEGAN, Director-General of the Council Legal Service

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on European demographic statistics (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 330, 10.12.2013, p. 39.

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ANNEX

Total usually resident population as of 1 January 2026

European Union EU-27	453849003
Belgium	11955308
Bulgaria	6423207
Czechia	10931023
Denmark	6016030
Germany	83415684
Estonia	1360745
Ireland	5511056
Greece	10366586
Spain	49596376
France ¹⁾	69112309
Croatia	3876002
Italy	59762989
Cyprus (Government-controlled area)	997361
Latvia	1845096
Lithuania	2887592
Luxembourg (Grand Duchy)	689189
Hungary	9488428
Malta	588254
Netherlands	18277969
Austria	9197500
Poland	37289701
Portugal	11424031
Romania	19041322
Slovenia	2135107
Slovakia	5441257
Finland	5632881
Sweden	10586000

¹⁾ Including French overseas departments

Source: Eurostat (demo_urespop)