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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700¹ lays down common rules for producing European statistics on persons and households, based on data at individual level, collected from samples. It empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts specifying the number and title of variables of the different data sets. According to Article 6(2), the number of variables laid down in the delegated act must not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables for each domain of those already required by the Commission (Eurostat) on 3 November 2019.

According to Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700, the income and living conditions (ILC) domain will provide over a period of 6 years:

(a) core data; (b) three-yearly and six-yearly data on seven recurring subjects; and (c) data on three ad hoc subjects.

According to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/256², in 2025, in the ILC domain, the ad hoc subject 'Energy and the environment' is to be collected. It is therefore necessary to adopt a delegated act specifying the number and title of variables for that ad hoc subject.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission consulted national experts in the field of social statistics as part of the expert group meeting on the list of variables to be included in the delegated act. The European Directors of Social Statistics were consulted in June 2023. Members of the ILC Working Group were consulted in December 2022, April 2023, and May 2023. Members of the task force on methodology developments in EU statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) were consulted in March 2023. The National Statistical Institutes of the European Statistical System expert group was also consulted.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The purpose of this delegated Regulation is to adopt the number and title of the variables for the 2025 *ad hoc* subject as provided for in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

Combined with the annual variables included in Annex II of Regulation (EU) 2019/2242, the number of variables to be collected in 2025 does not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the ILC domain at the time when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force, thereby fulfilling the requirement of Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

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 [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](#)

² [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/256 of 16 December 2019 supplementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a multiannual rolling planning](#)

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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 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 577/98³, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The income and living conditions domain, set out in Article 3(1), point (b) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700, provides the information required for the European Semester⁴ and the European Pillar of Social Rights⁵, in particular on income distribution, poverty and social exclusion. It also provides information for various other Union policies related to living conditions and poverty.
- (2) The ad hoc subject to be collected in 2025 on 'Energy and the environment' in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/256⁶ is of key importance, especially in view of the Commission Communication 'Fit for 55'⁷ which envisages a proposal for a recommendation⁸ on ensuring a fair transition towards climate neutrality.
- (3) The Commission should specify the number and the title of the variables for the *ad hoc* subject 'Energy and the environment'.

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³ OJ L 261I, 14.10.2019, p. 1.

⁴ The European Semester is the European Union's framework for the coordination and surveillance of economic and social policies.

⁵ The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights in 2017 at the Gothenburg Summit. The Pillar sets out 20 key principles to guide us towards a strong social Europe that is fair, inclusive and full of opportunity in the 21st century.

⁶ [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/256 of 16 December 2019 supplementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a multiannual rolling planning.](#)

⁷ Communication from the Commission "Fit for 55": delivering the EU's 2030 Climate Target on the way to climate neutrality', COM(2021) 550 final.

⁸ Proposal for a Council Recommendation on ensuring a fair transition towards climate neutrality, COM(2021) 801 final.

- (4) Pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1700, the number of variables to be collected is not to exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the income and living conditions domain as at 3 November 2019.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The number and title of the variables for the 2025 ad hoc subject on ‘Energy and the environment’ in the income and living conditions domain, is set out in the Annex.

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, 7.11.2023

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN