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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)[1], and in particular Article 15(2)(f) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 established a common framework for the systematic production of European statistics on income and living conditions. Its purpose is to ensure that comparable and up-to-date cross-sectional and longitudinal data on income and on the level and composition of poverty and social exclusion are available at national and European level.

(2) Pursuant to Article 15(2)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003, implementing measures shall be adopted each year to specify the target secondary areas and variables to be included that year in the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC. Implementing measures specifying the target secondary variables and their identifiers for the 2016 module on access to services therefore need to be adopted.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The target secondary variables and identifiers for the 2016 module on access to services, part of the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC, shall be as listed 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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 February 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following units, modes of data collection and reference periods apply:

1. **Unit**

The target variables relate to different types of units:

The variables relating to the affordability of childcare services, unmet needs for such services and reasons for not making use of such services, the affordability of formal education, health care, the presence of persons in need of home care and all variables related to home care received apply at household level and refer to the household as a whole.

Information on unmet needs for formal education, the main reason for non-participation in formal education, lifelong learning, home care provided and hours per week of home care provided is to be provided for each current household member, or, if applicable, for all selected respondents aged 16 and over.

Information on payment for childcare, the proportion of the costs paid and who pays for/contributes to it is to be provided by the household respondent for each child aged 0-12.

Information on the payment of tuition fees for formal education, the proportion paid and who pays for/contributes to it, is to be provided by the household respondent for each household member.

2. **Mode of data collection**

For variables applying at household level or variables relating to each household member (including variables relating to children) where information is provided at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent.

For variables applying at individual level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 and over or, if applicable, with each selected respondent.

The age refers to age at the end of the income reference period.

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews are allowed (with proxy interviews used as an exception for persons who are temporarily absent or incapacitated).

3. **Reference period**

The target variables relate to two types of reference periods:

Last 12 months: for the variables related to unmet needs for formal education and the main reason for non-participation in formal education, lifelong learning, and the use of and payment for health care services.

Usual: for all other variables.

4. **Data transmission**

The target secondary variables should be sent to the Commission (Eurostat) in the Household Data File (H-file), the Register Data File (R-file) and in the Personal Data File (P-file) after the target primary variables.

2016 MODULE ON ACCESS TO SERVICES: LIST OF TARGET VARIABLES

Variable identifier	Values	Target variable
Childcare		

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RC010		*Payment for the cost of formal childcare services*
	1	Yes
	2	No
RC010_F	1	Filled
	– 1	Missing
	– 4	No formal childcare for this child
	– 5	No children aged 0-12 in the household
RC020		*Proportion of the cost of formal childcare services paid*
	1	Full price (full cost)
	2	Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.)
	9	Do not know
RC020_F	1	Filled
	– 1	Missing
	– 2	Not applicable (RC010 = 2)
	– 4	No formal childcare for this child
	– 5	No children aged 0-12 in the household
RC030		*Who pays/contributes to the cost of formal childcare services*
	1	Government or local authorities
	2	Employer
	3	Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)
	4	Private persons who are not household members
	5	Other
	9	Do not know
RC030_F	1	Filled

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	– 1	Missing
	– 2	Not applicable (RC020 = 1)
	– 4	No formal childcare for this child
	– 5	No children aged 0-12 in the household
HC040		*Affordability of childcare services*
	1	With great difficulty
	2	With difficulty
	3	With some difficulty
	4	Fairly easily
	5	Easily
	6	Very easily
HC040_F	1	Filled
	– 1	Missing
	– 4	No costs of childcare in the household
	– 5	No children aged 0-12 in the household
HC050		*Unmet needs for formal childcare services*
	1	Yes
	2	No
HC050_F	1	Filled
	– 1	Missing
	– 5	No children aged 0-12 in the household
HC060		*Main reason for not making (more) use of formal childcare services*
	1	Cannot afford it
	2	No places available
	3	Places available but not nearby
	4	Places available but opening hours not suitable