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# **DRAFT REPORT**

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on European statistics on demography  
(COM(2011)0903 – C7-0518/2011 – 2011/0440(COD))

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on demography  
(COM(2011)0903 – C7-0518/2011 – 2011/0440(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2011)0903),
  - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 338(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0518/2011),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Regional Development (A7-0000/2012),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)<sup>4</sup>, all Member States' statistics transmitted to the Commission which are broken down by territorial units must use the NUTS classification.***

***deleted***

*Consequently, in order to establish comparable regional statistics, the territorial units should be defined in accordance with the NUTS classification.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(4) Pursuant to Article 175 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Commission submits every three years a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the progress made towards achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion. The preparation of these reports and the regular monitoring of demographic developments and of possible future demographic challenges in the EU regions, including different types of regions such as cross-border regions, metropolitan regions, rural regions, mountain and island regions, require annual regional data at NUTS 3 regional level. Since demographic ageing displays strong regional differences, Eurostat is requested to prepare regional projections on a regular basis in order to complement the demographic picture of the NUTS 2 regions in the European Union.*

*deleted*

Or. en

### Amendment 3

#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The information on demography should be **consistent** with the relevant information collected pursuant Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers and Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses.

*Amendment*

(11) The information on demography should be **compatible** with the relevant information collected pursuant Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers and Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses.

Or. en

### Amendment 4

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point a a new

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(aa) 'permanent resident' means all persons having their legal permanent residence in a Member State at the reference time***

Or. en

## Amendment 5

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 - point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(b) 'regional' means the same as in Article 2(g) of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 ; for countries that are not members of the European Union, it means the statistical regions at level 1, 2 or 3 as agreed between those countries and the Commission (Eurostat), according to the version applicable at the reference time;*

*deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 6

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 - point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) '*usually* resident population' means all persons having their *usual* residence in a Member State at the reference time;

'*temporarily* resident population' means all persons having their *temporary* residence in a Member State at the reference time;

Or. en

## Amendment 7

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 - point d - paragraph 1 - introductory sentence

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) '*usual* residence' means the same as in Article 2(d) *first paragraph* of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008. The following persons alone shall be considered to be *usual* residents of the geographical area in question:

(d) '*permanent* residence' means the same as "*usual residence*" as that term is *defined* in the *first paragraph* of Article 2(d) of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008. The following persons alone shall be considered to be *permanent* residents of



the geographical area in question:

Or. en

## Amendment 8

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 - point d - paragraph 1 - point i

*Text proposed by the Commission*

i. those who have lived in their place of **usual** residence for a continuous period of at least **12 months** before the reference time; or

*Amendment*

i. those who have lived in their place of residence for a continuous period of at least **five years** before the reference time; or

Or. en

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 - point d - paragraph 1 - point ii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

ii. those who arrived in their place of **usual** residence during the **12 months** before the reference time with the intention of staying there for at least **one year**.

*Amendment*

ii. those who arrived in their place of residence during the **five years** before the reference time with the intention of staying there for at least **five years**.

Or. en

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 - - point d - subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***In applying the definition of 'usual residence', Member States shall treat special cases as in the Annex to***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

## **Amendment 11**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 2 - point h a new**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ha) 'ethnic belonging' means an ethno cultural identification, at a lower level than citizenship, with a language or a culture***

## **Amendment 12**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 3 - paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the population as referred to in Article 2(c) and (d) at the reference time. Where the circumstances described in Article 2 (d)i. or (d)ii. cannot be established, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on population at their place of **legal** or registered residence at the reference time; in this case, they shall undertake proportionate efforts to compute data which are the closest possible approximation to the population referred to in Article 2(c) and (d).

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## Amendment 13

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 - paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Member States shall use the same population definition for all national **and regional** levels as defined in Article 2 (a) and (b).

*Amendment*

3. Member States shall use the same population definition for all national levels as defined in Article 2 (a) and **local levels**.

Or. en

## Amendment 14

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 - paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the total population at national level at the reference time, as referred to in Article 2(c), within 8 months from the end of the reference year. **For the purposes of this Article, Member States shall not provide data on population at their place of legal or registered residence at the reference time.**

*Amendment*

1. For the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with data on the total population at national level at the reference time, as referred to in Article 2(c), within 8 months from the end of the reference year.

Or. en

## Amendment 15

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The reference time for population data shall be **the midnight of 31 December**.

*Amendment*

1. The reference time for population data shall **be 00:00 hours on 1 of January**.

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 - paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The first reference time to be taken into account for the purposes of this *Regulation* shall be **2013**. The last reference time shall be **2027**.

*Amendment*

3. The first reference time to be taken into account for the purposes of this *Regulation* shall be **2014**. The last reference time shall be **2028**.

Or. en

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 - paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Member States shall ensure that the population data as required by Article 3 of this Regulation are consistent with those required by Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 862/2007.

*Amendment*

5. Member States shall ensure that the population data as required by Article 3 of this Regulation are consistent with those required by Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 862/2007, ***completed with data, at national and local level, concerning individuals, families and households, including their demographical, sociological and cultural characteristics, such as their housing conditions.***

Or. en