Data Protection

Categories of personal data and data controller

The EU-SILC survey collects personal data on:

- household composition
- housing conditions
- material situation
- work and employment status
- income
- well-being
- health
- participation in social life
- life during adolescence

This personal data is processed by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (STATEC), located at 13, rue Érasme, L-1468 Luxembourg. STATEC is the data controller.

Lawfulness of processing

Under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679, the processing of data is lawful because it is necessary to comply with a legal obligation to which the data controller is subject to. This legal obligation is described in particular in the following legal acts:

- Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics on persons and households based on individual-level data collected from samples.
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/258 specifying the number and titles of variables, for the income and living conditions domain.

Purpose of data processing

The purpose of the annual EU-SILC survey is to collect detailed household and individual income data from a representative sample of the resident population living in the Grand Duchy. The statistics compiled from this data relate in particular to household living conditions and enable to calculate indicators of poverty, income inequality and social exclusion, which are published by STATEC in its "Travail et cohesion sociale" report.

Sources of personal data

According to Article 2 of the Law of 10 July 2011 on the organisation of the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies, STATEC is authorised to use administrative files in the performance of its duties, in addition to the surveys it organises.

Responses to the EU-SILC survey are complemented by the following administrative information, using the name or address of the declarant:

- demographic data, taken from the National Register of Natural Persons (RNPP);

and, for people who have given their explicit consent via the survey:

- income and work data provided by the General Inspectorate of Social Security (IGSS).

Data retention and data processing

The personal data collected will be permanently deleted within a maximum of 5 years after its collection.

During this time, personal data is treated confidentially and is used for purely statistical purposes and in no circumstances will it ever be disclosed. STATEC representatives and agents are held personally responsible for the strict observance of statistical confidentiality. STATEC has also implemented a number of technical and organisational measures to protect citizens' personal data, including measures to secure computerized processing and to restrict access rights to data handled by STATEC employees and subcontractors.

Who should I contact if I have questions about data protection?

If you have any questions about the protection of personal data, you can contact STATEC's Data Protection Officer:

- by post: DPO, STATEC, B.P. 304, L-2013 Luxembourg; or
- by e-mail: dpo@statec.etat.lu.

Pursuant to Articles 15 to 21 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) No. 2016/679, any person responding to the survey has the following rights in relation to their personal data:

- right to access their data;
- right to have their data rectified or erased;
- the right to restrict processing, or to object to processing of their personal data;
- the right to data portability.

It is also possible to lodge a complaint with the National Data Protection Commission (Commission Nationale pour la Protection des Données – CNPD):

- by post: CNPD, 15 Boulevard du Jazz, L-4370 Belvaux;
- by phone: +352 26 10 601;
- online: Complaint form Individuals National Data Protection Commission Luxembourg (public.lu)