

## **If personal and sensitive data cannot be provided for a participant, does this imply they are not eligible for ESF support?**

No. Eligibility for support is not linked to monitoring and does not require a complete set of data for participants. If a person is not prepared to reveal a complete set of data he can still be supported. There are only two preconditions for someone to get supported:

- they fulfil the eligibility criteria; and
- the managing authority can document the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria of the respective operation/project (e.g. a certain employment status).

Hence, an incomplete set of data does not affect the participant's eligibility to the support in general.

Individuals for which non-sensitive personal data (gender, employment status, age, educational attainment and household situation) are incomplete should be reported in the grand total of participants. The grand total number of supported participants (which is at least equal or higher than the total number of participants) should be reported in the framework of the AIRs (see section 3.1.1 of the EC Guidance document on Monitoring and Evaluation and section 4.7.1 in Annex D).

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