Is there a common understanding of what target groups the indicator on "Other disadvantaged" should cover, or are these defined according to national policy documents?

The groups to be covered under the indicator "Other disadvantaged" are established by a combination of common and national definitions.

Two groups should be considered:

- Persons with an education level of ISCED level 0 (i.e. persons who have not completed ISCED level 1 <u>and</u> who are beyond the customary exit age of ISCED level 1) should always be counted under "other disadvantaged";
- It is recommended that persons who are homeless or affected by housing exclusion are counted under "other disadvantaged" (provided the data are collected for the full population of participants and for all years).

Any other groups to be counted as "other disadvantaged" should be established according to national definitions and might include groups such as ex-offenders or drug addicts. Persons living in rural areas may be included as a category of "other disadvantaged" but only when the area in which they reside is recognised nationally as disadvantaged (and if the data are collected for all participants and all years). For this purpose, the national definition of disadvantaged rural areas might use units which are different from those in the DEGURBA classification required for the common indicator on that topic.

The categories of disadvantage adopted for the indicator should not overlap with categories of disadvantage covered by any of the common output indicators that are to be reported on an annual basis (i.e. all common output indicators except those dealing with "homeless or affected by housing exclusion" and "from rural areas" which are to be collected only once in 2017). Persons experiencing disadvantages relating to gender, employment status, age or educational achievement of at least ISCED level 1 should not, therefore, be counted as "other disadvantaged".

It is strongly recommended to provide project promoters or bodies responsible for primary data collection with a list of the groups to be included in this category as part of guidelines for data collection.

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