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Technical tips & tricks for
operation of strategic importance data in SFC2021

With more and more information concerning operations of strategic importance being uploaded in SFC2021, please find here some lessons learnt and tips to ensure accurate and efficient data processing. The tips follow the template on Information on selected operations of strategic importance, available on the SFC support portal, which programmes should follow based on Article 73(5) of the CPR.

Currencies: use Euros (€) as the standard currency whenever possible. In terms of decimal places, always use up to two (e.g. 150,75).

Percentages: write percentages as decimal values between 0.00 and 1.00 (e.g. 0.85).

Fund names: use names and/or abbreviations as outlined in the CPR and translated versions of the regulation.

Intervention Types: use standardized codes and intervention names as outlined in Annex I of the CPR and Fund-specific regulation, if applicable.

Objectives: use names and/or abbreviations as outlined in the CPR, its translated versions and Fund-specific regulation if applicable.

Data entry: enter only information relevant for a single operation, and avoid adding information about multiple operations in a single field or document.

Cases of outdated or incorrect entries: in case you uploaded the information that is either incorrect or outdated and you need to provide more recent information, please add a new entry (as it is not possible to modify or delete entries in SFC2021) and refer to the old entry (e.g. by mentioning the local or Commission reference).

File Formats: use file formats such as DOCX and XLSX, possibly also PDF, CSV and TXT. Please avoid files such as JPG or any other format that is not machine-readable.

Data Formatting: the formatting YYYY-MM-DD should always be used (e.g. 2022-07-25).

By following these technical guidelines, you will help ensure that your data is processed efficiently and accurately. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out via the SFC Support Contact page.