Updates on nature reporting (Art. 12/17)

Online drop-in clinic for nature reporting 1/9/2025

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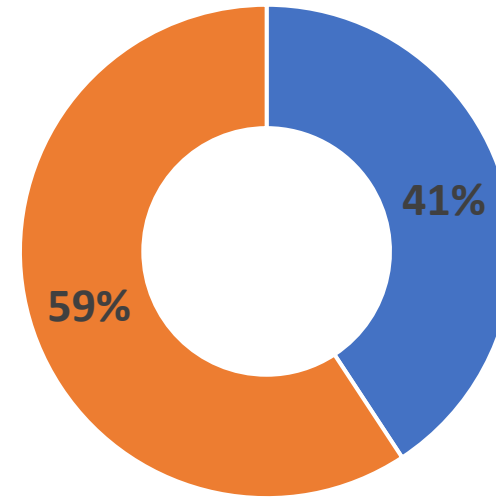
Art. 12 reporting

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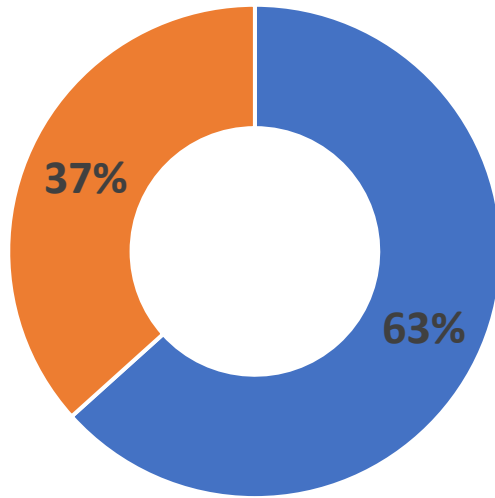
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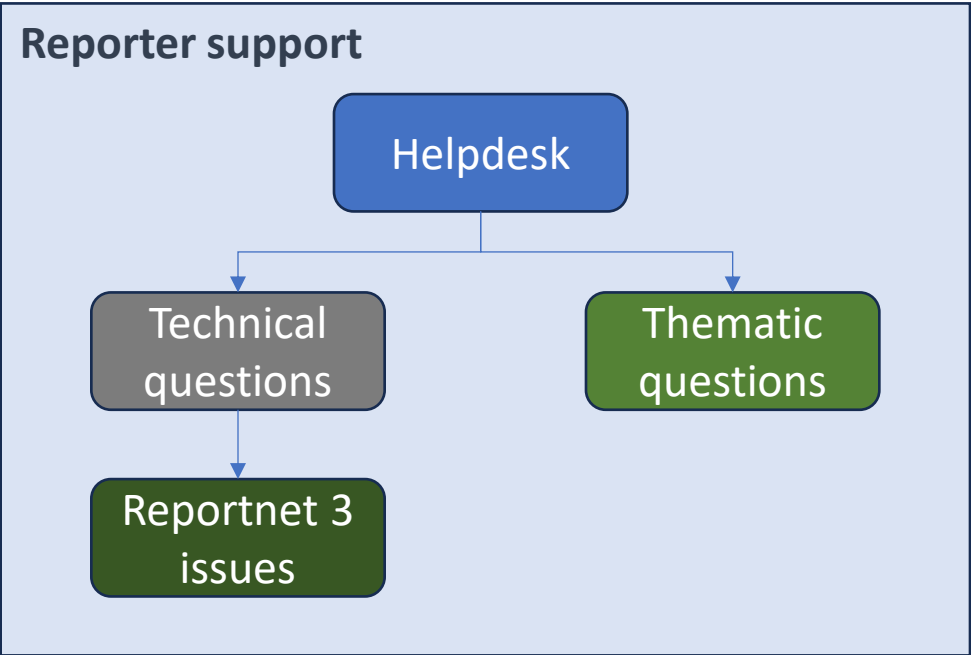ESIC, DE, FR, EL, SK, LT, IE, MT, SI, CZ, IT, PL

Art. 17 reporting

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Deliveries (11): IT, HU, DE, FR, SK, CZ, LU,
IE, NL, RO, SE

Thank you and congratulations!

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Deliveries

Reporter support

Status at 29-08-2025

Support requests from countries

- **Helpdesk**: Explaining workflow, adding users, previously asked questions
- **Thematic questions**: Explaining what needs to be reported, clarifying user situation
- **Technical questions**: Testing with country data, clarifying QC logic, fixing issues in QC logic
- **Reportnet 3 issues**: Partial or full loss of Reportnet 3 services, loss of external services

Dataflow	Total helpdesk tickets	Solved Tickets	Open Tickets	Issues solved by helpdesk	Issues solved by thematic team	Issues solved by technical team	Issues reported to Reportnet 3 service desk
Invasive	127	105	3	33	87	17	14
Birds (Art. 12)	142	121	10	41	77	24	24
Habitats (Art. 17)	311	279	5	86	112	113	52

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Thematic related helpdesk issues (Art. 12/17)

- Exchanges on checklist changes before delivering reports
- Questions on clarifications how to report specific cases
- Identification of scripts needing correction
- Identification of validation definitions needing corrections
- Proposals for changes in problem level (e.g. from Error to Warning)

✓ Art. 12/17 are complex dataflows
✓ Big number of validation rules (Art. 12: 408, Art. 17: 1092)
✓ Interlinked tables and schemas
✓ Each MS has specificities in checklist
✓ New developments compared to past reporting round
✓ More challenging than originally anticipated

**Thank you very much to all Member States involved!
Big thanks to pioneer ones!**

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Changes implemented in R3 while open for reporting

Art. 12

Corrections in scripts

Corrections / changes in validations

- changes in problem levels (e.g. year / period changed to warning from error)
- correction in definitions e.g.
    - Addition of uncertain trends when using method "insufficient or no data" (on top of unknown)
    - Success stories in outermost regions (should be reported in the folder for these regions)

Validations on mandatory reports were updated after the delivery deadline
This affects the delivery of 8 MS, some have been already contacted
Info validations on optional reports corrected accordingly.

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Changes implemented in R3 while open for reporting

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Corrections in scripts

Corrections / changes in validations

- additions (e.g. assessment of future prospects U1, comparison of area / population overall and inside N2000, mandatory pop. unit for FRP)
- disabling (e.g. trend magnitudes to be filled with unknown if trend direction is unknown – false rule)
- changes in problem levels (e.g. year / period changed to warning from error)
- correction in definitions (e.g.):
  - Typos
  - Trend magnitude to be filled only for increasing, decreasing and uncertain trends. If unknown, trend magnitude can remain empty.
  - Maps to address country level
  - Rules for population size to allow use of additional size and field for method, if main pop. size is empty
  - Rules for conservation status based on FRVs (thresholds were incorrect)
  - Rules for Annex V measures needed (to specify that FV concerns all biogeographical regions)
  - Addition of uncertain trends when using method "insufficient or no data" (on top of unknown)
  - One file for updates in typical species required for uploading

For the conclusions, the list of validations is not comprehensive due to complexity
For comparing with FRVs, the mean value is used in the relevant validations

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Commonly encountered helpdesk support to Reportnet 3

1. Enabling and disabling editing to validate to update QC results
2. Ensure all data sets disabled for editing before validating
3. Multiple people working on the same dataset need to coordinate

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Enabling and disabling editing to validate to update QC results

We must disable editing and then validate the data. This way, the validation screen will be updated according to the current value of the field that triggered the validation. As you can see in the screenshot when editing is disabled, the 'Validate' button becomes available. This maintains coherence between the 'Show validations' screen and the actual fields present in the table.

Validate button enabled

Editing mode disabled

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Ensure all data sets disabled for editing before validating

It is also important to note that when multiple people are working on different datasets, the system can be difficult to manage, as the datasets are interlinked and some validations depend on data from other datasets. For this reason, it is important to ensure that every time we launch a validation, editing is disabled in all datasets. For example, if editing is enabled in the dataset *Reporting data – IAS Section B,* it would still be possible to validate data in the dataset *Reporting data – IAS Section B – Spatial Information*, which would result in inaccurate validation.

Additional support

Additional documents:

- Updated FAQ
- Note with additional technical guidance based on identified cases
- Updated reporting manuals (Art. 12/17)

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Post-delivery QC

Art. 12

- Additional checks specified and implemented (best values within min, max, negative trend magnitudes not below -100, stable short-term trends not outside -10/+10, stable long-term trends not outside -20/+20, population within N2000 not bigger than overall)
- Validations for trends were not comprehensive in R3, completed with additional checks (if trend decreasing, **all** values should be negative, if increasing, **all** values should be positive)
- Work on checklists, spatial information in progress
- A first batch of comments sent through helpdesk (7 MS)

Art. 17

Work in progress

In case of a redelivery request:
- Reportnet takes a copy every time of release, access from 'manage copies'
- Export your existing files if you want to keep a copy yourself
- Implement changes in the existing files in the platform (overwrite)
- Press the button 'release to data collection'

Thank you!

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