

Structure of each module / topic

Each of the presented modules/topics is organized as follows. First, a short text on the purpose for collecting data on the topic and what is specifically being measured through these data is presented. A table with eight columns describing the module follows. These eight columns are:

- **Item**: the subjects on which information is collected
- **Type**: the type information reported. Type I corresponds to “*Basic and qualitative information*”, Type II to “*Statistical/quantitative and other detailed information*”, and Type III represents “*Complementary information*” to be reported. In general terms, Member States are requested to first respond to Type I information; then, if available, Type II data is collected; and finally Type III information, conditional on availability. It is expected that most Member States will be able to respond to Type I information.
- **Description**: a detailed description of the specific questions asked for each item
- **Response options**: available responses for the respondent for each question on the Description column
- **Definitions / Specific instructions**: this column serves two purposes. First, all instructions in terms of how to respond to the questions under the Description column are available here. Second, definitions of key terms are presented in this column.
- **Disaggregation**: variables requested for disaggregation of the data specified in the Description column, and the values that these variables can take.
- **Metadata**: information on the characteristics of the data / qualitative information being reported and specified in the Description column. This information helps understand the comparability of the data being reported, and includes sources, coverage, definitions uses, among others.
- **Justification**: parts / sections of the outcome report of the previous Expert Working Group, the 2016 UNGASS document and the 2009 Plan of Action that contain specific recommendations regarding the information being collected.