Country codification in the EU LFS from 2012 onwards

The code list applies to four EU LFS variables:

- Nationality (NATIONAL),
- Country of birth (COUNTRYB),
- Country of place of work (COUNTRYW) and
- Country of residence one year before survey (COUNTR1Y).

For European countries only individual alpha-2 country codes are valid, whereas for countries outside Europe numerical codes for country groupings (geographical regions) are also available. Those numerical codes are however for use in exceptional cases only – coding of individual country codes should be considered standard.

The countries of the European Union are listed according to their official order, and the countries outside Europe are grouped in geographical regions and further sorted according to the alphabetical order of their country codes.

The codes are mainly based on the ISO country codification[1]. However, there exist some small deviations, e.g. for the United Kingdom the code UK instead of GB is used.

For comparison reasons with census results, the list has been extended in 2011 by territories and countries of citizenship included in the list to be used for the Census 2011[2]:

- in the group 'Other European Countries'[3]:
    - GG – Guernsey,
    - GI – Gibraltar,
    - IM – Isle of Man,
    - JE – Jersey,

- in the group '06 Other Africa':
    - KM – Comoros,
    - SH – Saint Helena,
    - YT – Mayotte,

- in the group '08 Central America and Caribbean':
    - AI – Anguilla,
    - AW – Aruba,
    - BL – Saint Barthélemy,
    - KN – Saint Kitts and Nevis,
    - KY – Cayman Islands,
    - LC – Saint Lucia,
    - MF – Saint Martin,
    - MS – Montserrat,

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[1] http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/english_country_names_and_code_elements.htm
[2] http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:329:0029:0068:EN:PDF , pp. L329/42-53.
[3] With exception of Sark.

- - TC – Turks and Caicos Islands,
  - VC – Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
  - VG – British Virgin Islands,

  – in the group '09 South America':
    - FK – Falkland Islands (Malvinas),
    - TF – French Southern Territories,

  – in the group '13 Australia, Oceania and Other Territories':
    - KI – Kiribati,
    - MH – Marshall Islands,
    - NR – Nauru,
    - PN – Pitcairn,
    - PW – Palau,
    - TO – Tonga,
    - TV – Tuvalu,
    - WF – Wallis and Futuna,
    - WS – Samoa.

For the same reason, additional codes have been (re-)introduced for territories not classifiable according to current borders (no longer existing countries) in the group 'Other European Countries':

- SU – Soviet Union,
- CS – Czechoslovakia,
- YU – Yugoslavia.

The three latter codes may however be used only if a coding according to current borders is not possible at all, and in any case exclusively for COUNTRYB.

With these extensions, the LFS country codification list should be nearly fully in line with the census list, the only exception being the fact that, for consistency reasons with the 2010 version, it still offers two additional codes not available in the census list[4]:

- PR – Puerto Rico,
- PS – Palestine.

Changes introduced in the 2012 version:

- Greece: the country code changes from GR to EL in line with NUTS 2010

- Sudan: split into SD for Sudan and SS for South Sudan

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[4] These codes can be merged with others for analysis purposes later.

LFS country codification

EUROPEAN UNION
BE   Belgium
BG   Bulgaria
CZ   Czech Republic
DK   Denmark
DE   Germany
EE   Estonia
IE   Ireland
EL   Greece
ES   Spain
FR   France
IT   Italy
CY   Cyprus
LV   Latvia
LT   Lithuania
LU   Luxembourg
HU   Hungary
MT   Malta
NL   Netherlands
AT   Austria
PL   Poland
PT   Portugal
RO   Romania
SI   Slovenia
SK   Slovak Republic
FI   Finland
SE   Sweden
UK   United Kingdom

CANDIDATE AND EFTA COUNTRIES
CH   Switzerland
HR   Croatia
IS   Iceland
LI   Liechtenstein
ME   Montenegro
MK   FYR Macedonia
NO   Norway
TR   Turkey

OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
AD   Andorra
AL   Albania
BA   Bosnia Herzegovina
BY   Belarus
FO   Faroe Islands   only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)
GG   Guernsey
GI   Gibraltar   only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)

IM	Isle of Man	
JE	Jersey	
MC	Monaco	
MD	Republic of Moldova	
RS	Serbia	
RU	Russian Federation	
SM	San Marino	
UA	Ukraine	
VA	Vatican City	
XK	Kosovo (UNSCR1244)	
NN	Recognized non-citizens	only for variable NATIONAL
CS	Czechoslovakia	only for variable COUNTRYB
SU	Soviet Union	only for variable COUNTRYB
YU	Yugoslavia	only for variable COUNTRYB

05 NORTH AFRICA
DZ   Algeria
EG   Egypt
LY   Libya
MA   Morocco
TN   Tunisia

06 OTHER AFRICA
AO   Angola
BF   Burkina Faso
BI   Burundi
BJ   Benin
BW   Botswana
CD   Republic Democratic of Congo
CF   Central African Republic
CG   Congo
CI   Ivory Coast
CM   Cameroon
CV   Cape Verde
DJ   Djibouti
ER   Eritrea
ET   Ethiopia
GA   Gabon
GH   Ghana
GM   Gambia
GN   Guinea
GQ   Equatorial Guinea
GW   Guinea-Bissau
KE   Kenya
KM   Comoros
LR   Liberia
LS   Lesotho
MG   Madagascar
ML   Mali

MR	Mauritania
MU	Mauritius
MW	Malawi
MZ	Mozambique
NA	Namibia
NE	Niger
NG	Nigeria
RW	Rwanda
SC	Seychelles
SD	**Sudan**
SH	Saint Helena
SL	Sierra Leone
SN	Senegal
SO	Somalia
SS	**South Sudan**
ST	Sao Tome and Principe
SZ	Swaziland
TD	Chad
TG	Togo
TZ	Tanzania
UG	Uganda
YT	Mayotte
ZA	South Africa
ZM	Zambia
ZW	Zimbabwe

07 NORTH AMERICA

BM	Bermuda	
CA	Canada	
GL	Greenland	only for variable COUNTRY (-B,-W,-1Y)
PM	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	
US	United States of America	

08 CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN

AG	Antigua and Barbuda
AI	Anguilla
AN	Netherlands Antilles
AW	Aruba
BB	Barbados
BL	Saint Barthelemy
BS	Bahamas
BZ	Belize
CR	Costa Rica
CU	Cuba
DM	Dominica
DO	Dominican Republic
GD	Grenada
GT	Guatemala
HN	Honduras
HT	Haiti

JM	Jamaica	
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
KY	Cayman Islands	
LC	Saint Lucia	
MF	Saint Martin	
MS	Montserrat	
MX	Mexico	
NI	Nicaragua	
PA	Panama	
PR	Puerto Rico	not in census list
SV	El Salvador	
TC	Turks and Caicos Islands	
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
VG	British Virgin Islands	

09   SOUTH AMERICA

AR	Argentina
BO	Bolivia
BR	Brazil
CL	Chile
CO	Colombia
EC	Ecuador
FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
GY	Guyana
PE	Peru
PY	Paraguay
SR	Suriname
TF	French Southern Territories
UY	Uruguay
VE	Venezuela

10   EAST ASIA

CN	China
JP	Japan
KP	Dem. People's Republic of Korea (North)
KR	Republic of Korea (South)
MN	Mongolia
TW	Taiwan

11   NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

AE	United Arab Emirates
AM	Armenia
AZ	Azerbaijan
BH	Bahrain
GE	Georgia
IL	Israel
IQ	Iraq
IR	Iran
JO	Jordan

KG   Kyrgyzstan
KW   Kuwait
KZ   Kazakhstan
LB   Lebanon
OM   Oman
PS   Palestine   not in census list
QA   Qatar
SA   Saudi Arabia
SY   Syria
TJ   Tajikistan
TM   Turkmenistan
UZ   Uzbeksitan
YE   Yemen

12   SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA
AF   Afghanistan
BD   Bangladesh
BN   Brunei
BT   Bhutan
ID   Indonesia
IN   India
KH   Cambodia
LA   Laos
LK   Sri Lanka
MM   Myanmar
MV   Maldives
MY   Malaysia
NP   Nepal
PH   Philippines
PK   Pakistan
SG   Singapore
TH   Thailand
TL   East Timor
VN   Vietnam

13   AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA AND OTHER TERRITORIES
AU   Australia
FJ   Fiji
FM   Micronesia
KI   Kiribati
MH   Marshall Islands
NC   New Caledonia
NR   Nauru
NZ   New Zealand
PF   French Polynesia
PG   Papua New Guinea
PN   Pitcairn
PW   Palau
SB   Solomon Islands
TO   Tonga

TV   Tuvalu
VU   Vanuatu
WF   Wallis and Futuna
WS   Samoa

14   OTHER + STATELESS

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