Reform of the Bank of Finland's data collection service in 2024

Dear reporting contact person,

The project for the implementation of the new reporting system has moved ahead, and the first data collection-specific specifications have been completed and published on web pages focusing on the reform of the reporting system.

SAVE data collection: xml schema
MAPE data collection: xml schema
KOTI data collection: xml schema

Furthermore, as regards the SAVE data collection, technical instructions supporting the schema have been published (here). As regards the other data collections and language versions, we will update the instructions on the website as soon as possible. Please note that there may still be minor revisions to the specifications and instructions as the project proceeds.

The test environment for the SAVE, MAPE and KOTI surveys will be opened by mid-June at the latest.
The intention is to release the technical specifications for the RATI and PEF data collections in March–April 2024. The other schedules will be confirmed closer to the date.

The new system necessitates a few changes common to all data collections (excluding Luoti), most notably the change of the file type from CSV to XML. In addition, the naming format of the file changes, and the section starting the file (Header) will be in a standardised format. The XML files will no longer have reserved fields. More detailed descriptions of the changes and the file structure will be provided in the data collection-specific schema and technical instructions. The release of the temporary converter tool for the conversion of the file format will be postponed to late spring.
We request you to kindly forward the schema files to your technical contact persons for review. Please send your comments and any questions at ReportingSupport(a)bof.fi.

Implementation of SFTP connection
Reporting in the new system will continue to be available both on a form and as a file transfer, either through the browser interface or over an SFTP connection. Reporting over an SFTP connection is suitable for obliged entities with a lot of reportable data or reporting they want to automate. We request reporters wishing to continue using the SFTP connection or adopt this reporting method in the new system to notify it by email at ReportingSupport(a)bof.fi.

Suomi.fi mandates
We would like to remind all reporters to prepare for the change by activating the Suomi.fi e-identification method without delay (see instructions for granting reporting mandates here (users with a Finnish personal identity code) or for activating the Finnish Authenticator application here (users without a Finnish personal identity code)).