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Factsheet for case **DE-2020-13/381**

Emergency aid for freelancers, micro-entrepreneurs and solo-self employed

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Country	Germany, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 23 March 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	08 April 2020 (updated 05 May 2020)

Background information

Emergency aid for freelancers, micro-entrepreneurs and solo-self employed with an acute liquidity shortfall due to lost business in the Corona crisis. The measure is based on the Federal Government's decision to set up an Emergency Aid Package worth EUR 50 billion. Self-employed and micro-entrepreneurs can receive this grant, if they were not in economic difficulties before March 2020. Losses must have occurred after 11 March 2020.

Content of measure

The Federal Government set up an aid package for solo-self-employed persons, freelancers and micro-entrepreneurs. Small businesses (up to five employees) can be granted a one-off payment worth EUR 9,000 (for a period of three months). If entrepreneurs employ up to ten employees, they can apply for EUR 15,000 (also for three months). The aid is meant to help entrepreneurs with covering their costs for rent, loans or leasing payments and severe liquidity shortfalls. Grants need not to be repaid by the entrepreneurs and if the landlord lowers the rent by 20%, any remaining funds from the grant can be used for another two months. The single federal states and local authorities will deal with the applications.

Use of measure

Overall data is not yet available. However, payments had to be stopped (temporarily) in North-Rhine Westphalia and other federal states due to fraud attempts.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies Local / regional government	One person or microenterprises	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Other

German social partners are usually consulted by the Federal Government on broader measures, though no formal tripartite social dialogue structure exists in Germany at the federal level

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

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