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Factsheet for case SK-2020-14/292

Extension of the support period for unemployment benefit

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Country	Slovakia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 04 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income support to workers and those laid off – Income support for unemployed
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 23 April 2020)

Background Information

Through the Act 66/2020 Coll., the legislator intervened in order to cushion the condition of long-term unemployed in the local labour market. Indeed, as a consequence of the restrictions and the social distancing measures introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, jobseekers are increasingly at risk of not finding a job for a longer period of time. Therefore, the Parliament decided that during the pandemic unemployment benefit should be paid for a longer period.

Content of measure

During the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, the unemployment benefit period has been extended by one month (up to a maximum of 7 months) for those who could not find a job. The measure is finalized to sustain people that remained unemployed up to the end of the original unemployment benefit period. The Government may lay down the conditions for entitlement to the unemployment benefit, the conditions for the payment of the unemployment benefit, the length of the unemployment benefit period and the amount of the unemployment benefit, in the form of a government order for the duration of the crisis and for two months after its termination.

Use of measure

Compared to the current legal situation, it is expected that approximately 28.1 thousand more unemployment benefits will be paid out by 2020, with an average monthly rate of around EUR 518.1. Expenditure on the basis of these assumptions is expected to be around EUR 14.6 million in 2020

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Public employment service Social insurance	unemployed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

Social partners were not involved during the designing and implementation of this measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 06 April 2020: 66 ACT of 2 April 2020 amending and supplementing Act no. 311/2001 Labor Code, as amended, and amending and supplementing certain act (www.slov-lex.sk)