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Factsheet for case CZ-2020-14/255

COVID II state guarantee programme

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Country	Czechia, applies regionally – CZ02 Střední Čechy – CZ03 Jihozápad – CZ04 Severozápad – CZ05 Severovýchod – CZ06 Jihovýchod – CZ07 Střední Morava – CZ08 Moravskoslezsko
Time period	Temporary, 30 March 2020 - 30 June 2023
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Access to finance
Case created	03 April 2020 (updated 22 April 2020)

Background information

After the termination of COVID I interest-free state loan programme, Czech government has introduced COVID II state guarantee programme for SME's which are at the risk of bankruptcy due to the measures in connection with the spread of COVID-19.

Loans for SME's are provided by commercial banks while the state runned Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank (Českomoravská záruční a rozvojová banka, ČMZRB) secures the loans and offers financial aid for loan interest.

Content of measure

The measure runs under the Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness (Operační program Podnikání a inovace pro konkurenceschopnost, OPPIK).

The loan is aimed at SME's with trade permission in Czech Republic (except of Prague region) who have

been forced due to approved anti-COVID-19 measures to shut down or limit their businesses. Business activity of the SME has to be included at the supported economic activities list, which is, however, very wide and included accommodation, logistics, manufacturing industry etc.

ČMZRB will secure the commercial loan up to 80% with the maximum period of 3 years. SME can also apply for financial support on the loan interest up to CZK 1,000,000 (€36,298 approx.). Loan to be secured are limited to CZK 15,000,000 (€544,465). The loans are intended to cover salaries, rent, utility costs and supplier-customer invoices.

The total amount for COVID II programme is CZK 4,000,000,000 (€145,190,563).

The program is financed from the EU Structural Funds within the OPPIK and is therefore not intended for the implementation of projects in the capital city of Prague. Financial support for projects implemented in Prague can be applied for in the COVID Prague guarantee program.

Use of measure

No information at this stage.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies Other social actors (e.g. NGOs)	Employees Self-employed Sector specific set of companies SMEs	European Funds National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Unknown

No information.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 03 April 2020: Záruční program COVID II (www.cmzrb.cz)
- 21 April 2020: Eligibility criteria (www.cmzrb.cz)
- 21 April 2020: Programming document (www.cmzrb.cz)