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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/682

Strengthening municipal social policy and solidarity: Help at home programme

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 17 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Measures to prevent social hardship – Provision of services in kind (e.g food vouchers)
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 03 May 2020)

Background information

By virtue of the Circular 18659, 17 March 2020 "Strengthening municipal structures of social policy and solidarity - Employment of local government staff and their legal entities during taking measures to avoid and limit the spread of COVID-19 " the Ministry of Interior strengthens the "Help at Home" program, in all municipalities, to support vulnerable citizens during COVID-19 crisis. In the wake of the pandemic, the Greek government boosted it in order to meet the increased needs so that no one will be left behind alone. The local government has been funded by the Ministry of Interior with 15.7 million euros to address the emerging needs due to the virus and it will be further funded by another €12 million for providing meals to citizens in need.

Content of measure

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Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Local / regional government	Older people Disabled Other workers & citizens	Local funds National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No involvement

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q87 Residential care activities
	Q88 Social work activities without accommodation

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 17 March 2020: Strengthening municipal structures of social policy and solidarity - Employment of local government staff and their legal entities during taking measures to avoid and limit the spread of COVID-19 (www.ypes.gr)