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Factsheet for case GR-2020-16/675

Subsidy of interest costs for performing loans

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 15 April 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 04 May 2020)

Background information

The Ministry of Development and Investment issued a Ministerial Decision on 10 April 2020, in order to provide interest rate subsidy of performed business loans, for 3 months (April, May, June), for the sectors of the economy that are directly affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

According to this decision, the considered businesses include players active in the tourism, transport, catering, media and entertainment sectors as well as craft-type enterprises and retail businesses. This list will be updated regularly.

Content of measure

The measure provides companies with an interest rate subsidy of the performed loans as per 31 December 2019. Eligible businesses are the ones that have been financially affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, or which saw their operations suspended under a State decision, provided that, at least, the same number of employees is retained from 19 March 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Banks have already announced that repayment of loan principal for performing as at 31 December 2019 will be deferred until 30 September 2020. This measure may be extended for further 2 months, if deemed necessary. The package of measures amounts to a total of €3.8 billion, drawing €2 billion from the State budget and an additional €1,8 billion from the Special Purpose European Fund set up to deal with the COVID-19 exceptional circumstance.

Use of measure

No available answer

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Other social actors (e.g. NGOs)	All companies	European Funds National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No involvement.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 10 April 2020: Subsidy of the interest cost for performing loans for small and medium size enterprises' (Ministerial Decision, 10.04.2020) (www.mindev.gov.gr)