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Training Voucher of EUR 600 for specific professionals' (Public Procurement 2/2020, 02.04.2020)

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 09 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Employment protection and retention – Enhancing employability and training
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 29 April 2020)

Background information

Financial aid of EUR 600 in the form of a special training program for specific professionals, (Ministerial Announcement of 29/03/2020) cancelled amidst scandal rumors. The Government has decided to cancel the voucher program initiated by the Ministry of Labour to support scientists, following reactions by both the scientific community and the main opposition party. The scientists involved in the Program will still unconditionally receive the 600-euro allowance directly to their accounts for April.

Content of measure

A certificate-issuing program for professionals was to start by receiving applications on April 9, as part of a move to training online during the coronavirus pandemic. According to Labour Ministry's announcement, training offered in 10 directions including social media marketing, protection of private data, setting up e-shops, project management, and navigating online public contracts, among others. April 20 is the deadline for applications. The program, which included an untaxed stipend of 600 euros for 100 hours of training, was addressed to engineers, economists and accountants, lawyers and notaries public, freelancers with or without contracts, doctors, educators and researchers. However, reactions caused by errors and inaccuracies identified in a number of VTCenters, that undertook the tele-training accompanied by the

allowance, led to its cancelation. In many cases, scientists were called upon to answer in translated and rendered words and concepts directly from Google Translate without editing and with no making sense.

Use of measure

The programme applies to 180,390 engineers, economists and accountants, lawyers and notaries public, freelancers with or without contracts, doctors, educators and researchers.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Particular professions Other businesses	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 occupation-specific.

Occupation (ISCO level 2)
Numerical and material recording clerks
Science and engineering professionals
Health professionals
Teaching professionals
Legal, social and cultural professionals

Sources

- 07 April 2020: Tele-Training program for scientists with a voucher of 600 euros (www.odigostoupoliti.eu)