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Factsheet for case **EE-2020-17/362**

Compensation for cancelled cultural events

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Country	Estonia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 19 April 2020 - 31 December 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
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Background information

Due to restrictions on public gatherings, most of the events in culture sector were cancelled. The companies and event organisers therefore have lost millions of euros of income. To relive the damage, the Ministry of Culture plans to partly compensate the costs already incurred by the event organisers. For this, supplementary finances should be allocated from the state budget. The respective draft legislation regarding the supplementary state budget is currently being discussed in the Parliament.

Content of measure

No specific details are in place yet, including specific start and end date when the support will be allocated. The details of the measure and processes how to allocate the money are being developed currently. It is foreseen that a total of €19.8 million will be allocated to partially compensate the costs already incurred to companies in cultural sector. The total amount is divided as follows:

- the highest share would go to museums in the amount of €6 million
- theaters (private as well as public sector) are expected to receive €4 million
- music field (regarding festivals and cancelled concerts etc) receives €4 million
- for cancelled sports events €2.6 million is foreseen
- visual arts and movies should expect to receive €600,000 and literature and publishing €500,000.

Use of measure

No information available yet.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Sector specific set of companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Other

On the basis of state level good practice, relevant social partners are consulted when legislation is changed, i.e. they are informed about the changes and have the opportunity to give feedback in a written form. The Estonian Association of SMEs has used that opportunity. According to their feedback, the foreseen budget allocation is not sufficient and more finances should be used to support the companies.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation	R90 Creative, arts and entertainment activities
	R91 Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
	R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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