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Factsheet for case **BE-2020-12/417**

Flemish interruption premium (or maybe use the word interruption instead of hindrance?)

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| Country | Belgium, applies regionally – BE2 VLAAMS GEWEST |
| Time period | Open ended, started on 18 March 2020 |
| Type | Legislation or other statutory regulation |
| Category | Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct or indirect financial support |
| Case created | 09 April 2020 (updated 24 April 2020) |

Background information

Companies obliged to temporarily halt their activities because of the corona measures taken by the federal government may be eligible for the corona interruption premium of the Flemish government.

The premium aims to compensate for the losses due to the companies inactivity. The compensation is a combination of a fixed sum of €4000 for the period up until the 5th of April with an additional premium €160 per day after the 5th of April.

Content of measure

The premium is directed towards companies that are forced to close due to the measures taken to reduce the spread of the Corona virus.

For the hotel and catering sector, it is sufficient that the consumption hall has to be closed in order to qualify for the corona interruption premium, even if collection and take-out services are still offered or other activities are carried out.

Apart from being forced to close other conditions apply:

- The company has a legal personality under private law or a foreign company registered in Belgium with a comparable status, with at least one working partner or one full-time equivalent (FTE) registered social security employee.
- In case of sole proprietorship: you are self-employed in your main profession.
- If it is an independent activity in a secondary occupation, they are only eligible if they pay similar social security contributions as a self-employed person in main occupation.
- If the association or non-profit organisation has at least 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) social security registered person.

Use of measure

The concrete amount of beneficiaries is unclear as the companies/organisations have to apply themselves. It is however to be expected that a large amount of companies or organisations will apply, as many have been forced to close over the past few weeks. The number will continue to grow as companies/organisations can apply until the second half of May.

Actors, target groups and funding

| Actors | Target groups | Funding |
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| Local / regional government | Particular professions Solo-self-employed One person or microenterprises Other businesses | Regional funds |

Social partners

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| Role of social partners | Informed |
| Form of involvement | Unknown |

It is to be expected that the social partners were at least informed of the measure. The extent or their involvement is unclear.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 18 March 2020: Flemish Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (www.vlaio.be)
- 07 April 2020: Flemish Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (www.vlaio.be)