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Factsheet for case **EE-2020-17/355**

Subsistence support for freelancer creative persons

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| Country | Estonia, applies nationwide |
| Time period | Temporary, 19 April 2020 - 31 October 2020 |
| Type | Legislation or other statutory regulation |
| Category | Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct or indirect financial support |
| Case created | 07 April 2020 |

Background Information

Culture sector has been strongly affected by the corona outbreak due to the restrictions on public gatherings and the cancellation of all public culture events. The Ministry of Culture has proposed a measure to support the freelance creative persons by mitigating the conditions for applying for creative person support benefit. The support is paid from the Ministry to the artistic associations who use the support for the payment of 1) support to creative persons engaged in a liberal profession for creative activity and 2) grants for the creative activities of creative persons. Changes to the conditions are foreseen in the Creative Persons and Artistic Associations Act, but it is dependent on the approval of the supplementary state budget which is currently being discussed by the Parliament.

Content of measure

The changes are meant for creative persons, who are not in civic service or not employed on the basis of an employment contract or similar contract, and who are active in the following artistic fields:

- 1) architecture;
- 2) audiovisual arts;
- 3) design;
- 4) performing arts;
- 5) sound arts;
- 6) literature;
- 7) visual arts or

8) scenography.

The changes foresee, that the support for creative persons must be used solely for creative persons support (and not for grants and trainings) until the end of 2020, in case specifically allowed by the Ministry.

Additionally, current eligibility criterias for the support will be relaxed:

- a person can apply for the support if at least two years have passed since the end of the previous support period - this restriction will be abolished
- a person cannot apply for the support if they have received other income under service contract the previous month and they cannot receive income while receiving the support - the changes will allow income in the sum of national minimum wage.

These measures will be in force during the emergency situation and six months afterwards.

A total of €5.2 million is expected to be used for the measure.

Use of measure

Currently, the regular support is paid for around 100 creative persons. It is expected that additional 1,200 persons will receive the support.

Actors, target groups and funding

| Actors | Target groups | Funding |
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| National government Other social actors (e.g. NGOs) | particular professions | National funds |

Social partners

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| Role of social partners | No involvement |
| Form of involvement | N/A |

N/A

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

| Economic area | Sector (NACE level 2) |
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| R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation | R90 Creative, arts and entertainment activities |

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| | R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities |
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This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 05 April 2020: Measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 virus outbreak in culture and audiovisual sector in Estonia (www.kul.ee)