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Factsheet for case **BE-2020-12/423**

Brussels: one-off grant for closed businesses

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Country	Belgium, applies regionally – BE1 RÉGION DE BRUXELLES-CAPITALE/BRUSSELS HOOFDSTEDELIJK GEWEST
Time period	Temporary, 18 March 2020 - 18 May 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	09 April 2020 (updated 29 April 2020)

Background information

As is the case in the Walloon and Flemish regions, the capital region of Brussels has a one off grant for companies that are forced to close temporarily due to the virus or the measures related to it, can avail off. The financial support is meant to alleviate pressure on small companies that are facing financial hardship because they are not able to perform their regular business activity. Companies can introduce their request until the 1 June 2020.

Content of measure

A one off grant off €4000 is available for each business unit in a company in the Brussel region (maximum of €20 000 per company).

The measure applies to all companies with less than 50 FTE (full-time Equivalent) workers in certain sectors:

- Retail
- Accommodation
- Catering
- Projection of cinema films
- Travel agencies

Administrative services and other business support activities
 Driving schools
 Organisation of gambling activities
 Sporting, recreational and leisure activities
 Repair of computers and personal and household goods
 Other personal services

In addition, other financial support measures are available such as loans at lower interest rates and guarantees provided by the government to help companies applying for a loan.

Use of measure

It is not known for the moment how many companies will make use of the grant.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Local / regional government	Solo-self-employed SMEs One person or microenterprises	Regional funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Unknown

It is to be expected that the social partners were informed of this support measure, the extent and what input they had is not known.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
I - Accommodation And Food Service Activities	I55 Accommodation
	I56 Food and beverage service activities

N - Administrative And Support Service Activities	N79 Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities
R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation	R90 Creative, arts and entertainment activities
	R92 Gambling and betting activities
	R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
S - Other Service Activities	S96 Other personal service activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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