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Factsheet for case **HR-2020-15/516**

The Decision on measures to assist the sports system in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic

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| Country | Croatia, applies nationwide |
| Time period | Temporary, 09 April 2020 - 29 May 2020 |
| Type | Legislation or other statutory regulation |
| Category | Income support to workers and those laid off – Income support for people in employment (e.g. short-time work) |
| Case created | 12 April 2020 |

Background Information

As the sport events are not allowed, the financial position of people employed in sport sector is dire, and they demand some form of aid from the government. According to the Croatian Bureau of Statistic, in this sector are employed 6,400 people, what is approximately 3.4 percent of total population. There are two major problems, the inability to conclude the competition in the 2019-2020 season and the existence of a large number of sports associations and clubs which, because of the loss of revenue, have no opportunity payment of wages to workers.

Content of measure

This Decision establishes measures to assist the sports system in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic. For the duration of the special circumstances, the support for preserving jobs in the sports sector affected by coronavirus will be disbursed. The amount of the support is to HRK 3,250.00 (€ 433) per employees for March 2020, and HRK 4,000.00 (€ 533) for April and May 2020. The measure is intended to preserve the system of competition and sport during the special circumstances. The Government submitted to the parliamentary procedure amendments to the Act on Sport which enables the Office to allow grants to clubs.

Use of measure

Responsible authority for the implementation of measure is the Central State Office for Sport. The redistribution within the budget of the State Office for Sport provided HRK 40 million (€ 5.33 million) to help sports clubs to mitigate the consequences caused by the coronavirus epidemic. These measures do not require additional resources or special funds, but they are secured by a redistribution within the adopted budget of the Office. Amendments to the Act on Sport ensure the regularity of the competition by enabling a shorter period of one year for the adoption of regulations and competition systems.

Actors, target groups and funding

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

Social partners

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| Role of social partners | No involvement |
| Form of involvement | No involvement |

Due to the nature of the measure, social partners were not involved.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

| Economic area | Sector (NACE level 2) |
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| R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation | R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities |

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 09 April 2020: 4. a) Prijedlog zaključka u vezi s mjerama pomoći u sustavu športa uslijed epidemije koronavirusa (vlada.gov.hr)