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Factsheet for case **LU-2020-13/308**

Emergency fund for very small businesses and self employed persons

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Country	Luxembourg, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 25 March 2020 - 25 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 03 May 2020)

Background information

The aim of the measure is to provide an immediate financial support to the high number of very small businesses and self-employed persons regarding their importance for the Luxembourgish economy and who are a very vulnerable to unforeseen crises.

The legal backgrounds are:

the declaration of a state of crisis by the law of 24 March 2020 extending the state of emergency (Loi du 24 mars 2020 portant prorogation de l'état de crise déclaré par le règlement grand-ducal du 18 mars 2020 portant introduction d'une série de mesures dans le cadre de la lutte contre le COVID-19. Mémorial A 178 du 24 mars 2020).

and the implementation of the measure by the Grand-Ducal regulation of 25 March 2020 on the establishment of a certified emergency allowance in favour of certain micro-enterprises in the context of the COVIDpandemic-19 (Règlement grand-ducal du 25 mars 2020 ayant pour objet la mise en place d'une indemnité d'urgence certifiée en faveur de certaines micro-entreprises dans le cadre de la pandémie COVID-19). Mémorial A 187 du 25 mars 2020

Content of measure

The General Directorate for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (GDSMSE) set up an emergency fund for very small business and self-employed persons. This emergency fund provides immediate, non-repayable financial assistance in the form of a grant of €5,000.

Applicants must meet the following criteria simultaneously:

Size criteria: enterprises or self-employed persons both with a valid business permit issued by the GDSMSE and at maximum 9 fulltime employees.

Prohibition of closure criterion: both types of businesses must have interrupted their activity following the entry into force of the Grand-Ducal regulation of 18 March 2020 introducing a series of measures to combat COVID-19.

Turnover criterion: Applicant companies must have an annual turnover of at least €15,000 euros. Also, if the applicant own's more than one business, he only can apply for aid for one business

Use of measure

No information available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Self-employed Solo-self-employed SMEs One person or microenterprises	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

no information available

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 09 April 2020: Establishment of an emergency fund for very small businesses and self-employed person (guichet.public.lu)