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Factsheet for case **FR-2020-14/536**

## Solidarity Fund for very small companies, the self-employed and micro-entrepreneurs

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| Country      | France, applies nationwide   |
| Time period  | Open ended, started on 31 March 2020   |
| Type         | Legislation or other statutory regulation                                    |
| Category     | Supporting businesses to stay afloat<br>– Direct subsidies (full or partial) |
| Case created | 13 April 2020 (updated 29 April 2020)  |

### Background information

The State and the Regions have set up a solidarity fund to help small businesses most affected by the crisis. Inter-municipalities and large companies will also be able to contribute to the financing of the fund. For instance, insurance companies have already announced a contribution of €200 million. This aid of up to €1,500 will be available to very small companies, the self-employed, micro-entrepreneurs and the liberal professions which have no more than 10 employees, a turnover of less than €1 million and an annual taxable profit of less than €60 000.

From 31 March, all eligible businesses that have been subject to administrative closure or have suffered a loss of turnover of more than 70% in March 2020 compared with March 2019 will be able to make a simple declaration on the tax website - [impots.gouv.fr](https://impots.gouv.fr) - to receive aid of up to €1500. This sum will be tax-free.

From 3 April, all eligible companies that have suffered a loss of turnover of more than 50% in March 2020 compared to March 2019 will also be able to make a simple declaration on the tax website - [impots.gouv.fr](https://impots.gouv.fr) - to receive tax-free aid of up to €1,500.

From 15 April, the companies experiencing the most difficulties will be able to apply for additional aid of €2,000 on a case-by-case basis from the regions.

## Content of measure

Direct financial assistance may be granted to very small enterprises, the self-employed, micro-entrepreneurs and the liberal professions which have no more than 10 employees, an annual turnover of less than €1 million and an annual taxable profit of less than €60,000.

To be eligible for support, applicants must :

- be banned from receiving the public under Article 8 of the decree of 23 March 2020, even if there is a residual activity such as takeaway sales, delivery and withdrawals of orders, "room service".
- face a loss of turnover of at least 50% in March 2020 compared to March 2019.

It is sufficient to meet one of the two conditions to obtain this aid of €1,500 euros.

For the most difficult situations (inability to pay claims due within 30 days and refusal of a cash loan), additional support of €2,000 may be granted to companies that have at least one employee to avoid bankruptcy. Allocation decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

## Use of measure

No data available.

## Actors, target groups and funding

| Actors  | Target groups   | Funding  |
|---|---|--|
| National government<br>Company / Companies<br>Local / regional government | Self-employed<br>Solo-self-employed<br>SMEs<br>One person or microenterprises | Companies<br>Local funds<br>National funds<br>Regional funds |

## Social partners

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| Role of social partners | Consulted           |
| Form of involvement     | Direct consultation |

No formal consultation, but according to the target such tools are discussed between the government and the employers' organisation representing SMEs.

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

## Sources

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