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Factsheet for case **BE-2020-16/458**

## Replacement income for self-employed persons (bridging right)

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Country	Belgium, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 18 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income support to workers and those laid off – Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
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### Background Information

In certain situations self-employed can qualify for for the temporary Corona bridging right:

- If the federal government has obliged the self-employed to interrupt the activity in whole or in part they are immediately eligible for the bridging right
- . The is no minimum duration of interruption required. This concerns, for example, self-employed who are obliged to close their business (such as restaurants, cafés and non-food businesses). Restaurants providing or delivering takeaway meals are also covered.
- If the government has not obliged the self-employed to interrupt their activity partially or completely, but the self-employed is forced to interrupt their activity for a period of at least 7 consecutive calendar days as a result of the Corona crisis, for example for self-isolation, a lack of raw materials or for various reasons of economic or organizational nature (linked to COVID-19), then they are also eligible for the bridging right.

This includes self-employed exercising a care profession such as physiotherapists, dentists and medical specialists.

## Content of measure

Certain conditions apply in order to be able to benefit from the bridging right. The person has to be self-employed as main profession (including helpers, assisting spouses in the maxi-status and (primo)starters); or self-employed as secondary profession with provisional contributions that are at least equal to the minimum contributions for self-employed persons in their main profession.

The person has to be self-employed and pay social security contributions in Belgium;

The person must not receive a replacement income.

The Corona bridging right amounts to (for March and April) :

€1 291,69 without family responsibilities;

€1 614.10 with family responsibilities.

If granted, the bridging right for March will be paid at the beginning of April and for April, at the beginning of May.

## Use of measure

It is unclear how many people are eligible and will make use of the support.

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	solo-self-employed One person or microenterprises	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Unknown

It is to be expected that the social partners were at least informed about the measure.

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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## Sources

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