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Factsheet for case FI-2020-15/539

Financial aid for solo-self-employed negatively affected by COVID-19

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Country	Finland, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 09 April 2020 - 15 October 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 02 May 2020)

Background information

In order to support those solo-self-employed that have been negatively affected by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Finnish Government has given a temporary decree that make it possible for municipalities to apply for a grant that is then redistributed to solo-self-employed. Municipalities apply for this grant through Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour. The amount of the grant is dependent on the number of solo-self-employed registered in the municipality.

Content of measure

The grant is available for those solo-self-employed who are either registered or whose entrepreneurial income is no less than €20,000 per year. Only those solo-self-employed whose the financial situation and business activity has suffered from the outbreak of COVID-19 qualify for this grant. Furthermore, eligibility for the grant is dependent on the situation of the solo-self-employed - only those with reasonable possibilities to continue business activities shall be given the grant.

The Government will direct up to €250 million euros to financial aid for solo-self-employed. An individual grant is €2,000 and it can be paid out only once. Solo-self-employed can use this grant to cover expenses that have resulted from business activities between 16 March 2020 and 31 August 2020.

Use of measure

No information to date.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Local / regional government	Solo-self-employed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Unknown

There is no information regarding the involvement of the social partners.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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