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Factsheet for case **AT-2020-10/712**

Subsidy for homeoffice - IT infrastructure

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Country	Austria, applies regionally – AT13 Wien
Time period	Open ended, started on 01 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct or indirect financial support
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 18 April 2020)

Background Information

In the corona crisis, the city of Vienna does everything it can to keep the city's economy going. This measure is addressed at the more than 60,000 Viennese micro, small and medium-sized companies which are currently particularly dependent on support, for example when it comes to the necessary switch to a home office. Support is provided via the Vienna business agency (Wirtschaftsagentur) in collaboration with the Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW).

Content of measure

The funding program supports Viennese companies to set up teleworking stations and to create stable communication between teleworking stations and the company location or locations. These include:

Advisory measures by third parties

investment measures for IT technical facilities

Consulting service for hardware and software equipment of the teleworking system, IT hardware and software

It is targeted at small and medium-sized companies as well as micro-enterprises from Vienna

Submission : Continually online with the online funding application; retrospectively from 1.3.2020

The applications are assessed by experts from the Vienna Business Agency.

Funding rate: 75%; up to 10,000 euros per project.

Use of measure

The uptake was substantial. In the first week of funding, 700 applications were received by the Vienna Business Agency. The originally envisaged funds of 2 mio euro were reported to have been exhausted and further tripled.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Employers' organisations Local / regional government Public support service providers	SMEs One person or microenterprises	Regional funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Other

The regional employers organisation Vienna Chamber of Commerce cooperated.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 01 March 2020: Home office subsidy exhausted (wirtschaftsagentur.at)
- 22 March 2020: Home office funding in Vienna in extremely high demand (www.wien.gv.at)
- 26 March 2020: Vienna triples home office subsidy to 6 mio euro (www.wien.gv.at)