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Factsheet for case GR-2020-16/675

Subsidy of the interest cost for performing loans' (Ministerial Decision, 10.04.2020)

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 15 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Access to finance
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 28 April 2020)

Background information

The Ministry of Development & Investment issued a Ministerial Decision (10.04.2020) for interest rate subsidy of performed business loans for 3 months (April, May, June) for the sectors of the economy that are directly affected by Covid- 19. According to the decision these businesses include players active in the tourism, transport, catering, media and entertainment sectors as well as craft-type enterprises and retail businesses. This list will be updated regularly. The specific measure is one among others amounting to a total of EUR 3,8 billion.

Content of measure

The Ministry of Finance announced a package of measures on 18 March 2020, supplemented by additional measures on 20 March 2020, aimed to support the Greek economy in light of the turbulences the COVID-19 pandemic create. As such, businesses that have been financially affected as per their Activity Code Numbers (ACN) or their operation has been suspended under a state decision are eligible for an interest rate subsidy of their performed loans as per 31/12/2019, provided that, at least, the same number of employees are retained on 19/3/2020 and 31/12/2020. These businesses include players active in the tourism, transport, catering, media and entertainment sectors as well as craft-type enterprises and retail businesses. Banks have already announced that repayment of loan principal for performing as at 31 December 2019 loans will be deferred until 30 September 2020. This measure may be extended for further 2 months, if deemed necessary. The package of measures amounts to a total of EUR 3,8 billion- I drawing EUR 2 billion

from the state budget and an additional EUR 1,8 billion from the Special Purpose European Fund set up to deal with the COVID-19 exceptional circumstances.

Use of measure

No available answer

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Employees Other businesses	European Funds National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No involvement

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 10 April 2020: Subsidy of the interest cost for performing loans for small and medium size enterprises' (Ministerial Decision, 10.04.2020) (www.mindev.gov.gr)