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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/682

## "Strengthening municipal social policy and solidarity (Ministry of Interior, Circular of 17.03.2020)

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| Country      | Greece, applies nationwide   |
| Time period  | Temporary, started on 17 March 2020  |
| Type         | Legislation or other statutory regulation  |
| Category     | Measures to prevent social hardship<br>– Provision of services in kind (e.g food vouchers) |
| Case created | 16 April 2020 (updated 29 April 2020)  |

### Background information

By virtue of the Circular 18659, 17.03.2020 "Strengthening municipal structures of social policy and solidarity - Employment of local government staff and their legal entities during taking measures to avoid and limit the spread of COVID-19 " the Ministry of Interior strengthens "Help at Home" program, in all Municipalities, to support vulnerable citizens during COVID-19 crisis. In the wake of the pandemic, the Greek government boosted it in order to meet the increased needs so that no one will be left behind alone. the local government has been funded by the Ministry of Interior with 15.7 million euros to address the emerging needs due to the virus and it will be further funded by another 12 million euros for providing meals to citizens in need.

### Content of measure

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## Actors, target groups and funding

| Actors                      | Target groups  | Funding                       |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Local / regional government | Older people<br>Disabled<br>Other workers & citizens | Local funds<br>National funds |

## Social partners

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Role of social partners | No involvement |
| Form of involvement     | No involvement |

No involvement

## Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

| Economic area                               | Sector (NACE level 2)                            |
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| Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities | Q87 Residential care activities                  |
|   | Q88 Social work activities without accommodation |

This case is not occupation-specific.

## Sources

- 17 March 2020: Strengthening municipal structures of social policy and solidarity - Employment of local government staff and their legal entities during taking measures to avoid and limit the spread of COVID-19 ([www.ypes.gr](http://www.ypes.gr))