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Factsheet for case **BE-2020-12/417**

Flemish Corona hindrance premium

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Country	Belgium, applies regionally – BE2 VLAAMS GEWEST
Time period	Open ended, started on 18 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct or indirect financial support
Case created	09 April 2020

Background Information

Companies that are obliged to cease their activities because of the corona measures of the federal government may be eligible for the corona hindrance premium of the Flemish government.

The premium has the purpose to compensate for the losses due to inactivity of these companies. Through the combination of a fixed sum of €4000 for the period up until the 5th of April and an additional premium per day of 160 after the 5th of April.

Content of measure

The premium is intended for companies that are forced to close due to the measures taken to reduce the spread of the Corona virus.

For the hotel and catering sector, it is sufficient that the consumption hall has to be closed in order to qualify for the corona hindrance premium, even if collection services are still offered or other activities are carried out.

Apart from being forced to close other conditions apply:

- The company has a legal personality under private law or a foreign company registered in Belgium with a comparable status, with at least one working partner or one full-time equivalent (FTE) registered social

security employee.

- In case of sole proprietorship: you are self-employed in your main profession.
- If it is an independent activity in a secondary occupation, they are only eligible if they owe similar social security contributions as a self-employed person in main occupation.
- If the association or non-profit organisation has at least 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) social security registered person.

Use of measure

The concrete amount of beneficiaries is unclear as the companies/organisations have to apply themselves. It is however to be expected that a large amount of companies or organisations will apply, as many have been forced to close over the past few weeks. The number will continue to grow as companies/organisations can apply until the second half of May.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Local / regional government	particular professions solo-self-employed One person or microenterprises other businesses	Regional 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 of the measure. The extent or their involvement is unclear.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 18 March 2020: Flemish Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (www.vlaio.be)
- 07 April 2020: Flemish Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (www.vlaio.be)