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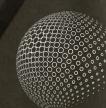
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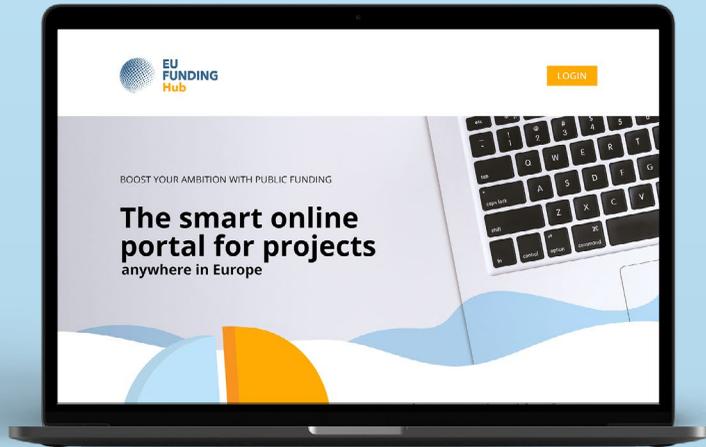
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WELCOME



Dear EUFUNDINGHUB follower,

Welcome to this edition of the EUFUNDINGMAG.

The EUFUNDINGMAG serves as a flash of insight informing you about current developments in the European public funding landscape.

Despite the health and economic challenges caused by COVID-19, businesses can benefit from several funding programmes in the form of grants, loans or other measures at EU and national level. Authorities across Europe have mobilized public funds to a great extent in the last few weeks, and we encourage all types of organizations to seek for the type of funding that helps them boost their ambition.

Our approach is to provide a mix of regions to present a diverse picture. We turn to Germany, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic first and will continue our “Tour d’Europe” throughout the subsequent EUFUNDINGMAG editions. Read on to learn more about:

- ▶ **COVID-19** outbreak and the EU’s short-term response
- ▶ **COVID-19** funding in Germany
- ▶ **COVID-19** funding in the Netherlands
- ▶ **COVID-19** funding in the Czech Republic

We thank you for your interest and also look forward to your feedback. Get in touch with us, stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,
Your EUFUNDINGHUB team

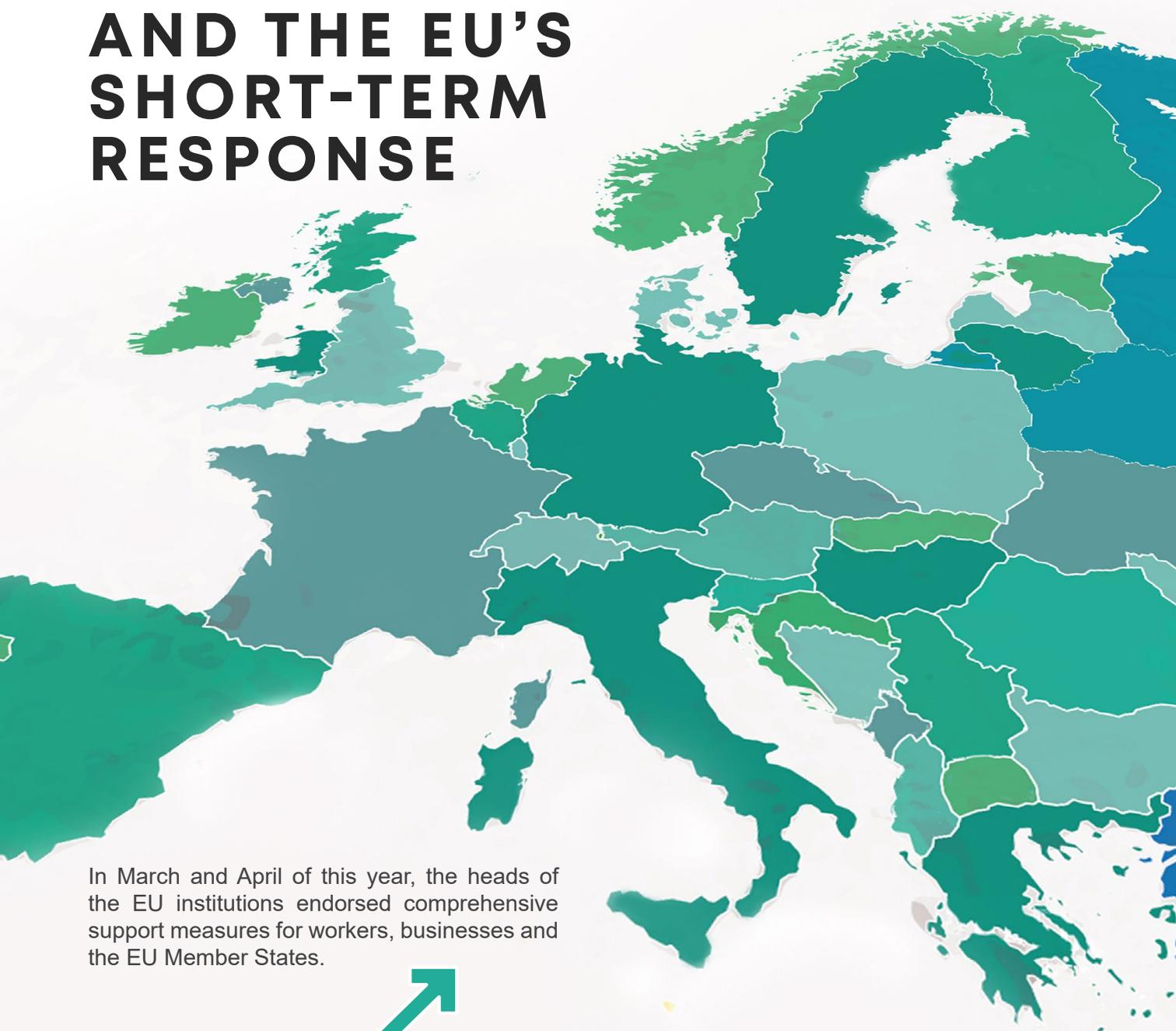
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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

AND THE EU'S SHORT-TERM RESPONSE



In March and April of this year, the heads of the EU institutions endorsed comprehensive support measures for workers, businesses and the EU Member States.

ALTOGETHER, THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE PLEDGING TO MOBILIZE:

3% OF THE EU'S GDP IN FISCAL MEASURES.

16% OF THE EU'S GDP IN LIQUIDITY SUPPORT.

THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL EFFORT AT EU-LEVEL.

Next to financial measures for the healthcare sector, the EU and its Member States are taking action to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. In particular, the EU is committed to implement funding measures to support jobs, businesses and the economy.

In the short run, the EU is fast-tracking and promoting **research and innovation projects** on COVID-19 by mobilising:

▼ €48 million for **18 projects for vaccines and treatment** via the EU's Horizon 2020 research programme.

▼ €90 million in public and private funds for **therapeutics and diagnostics** via the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI).

▼ €164 million for **SMEs and start-ups for innovative solutions** to tackle the COVID-19 outbreak via the European Innovation Council accelerator programme.

▼ Financial support for highly innovative companies fighting COVID-19.

Moreover, the EU is supporting **jobs, businesses and the economy** with a **€540 billion** support package to stimulate the EU's economy. Three immediate safety nets are foreseen for:

▼ **Jobs and workers: A temporary support scheme to the Member States to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE)** providing loans of up to €100 billion related to the creation or extension of national short-time work schemes.

▼ **Businesses:** The European Investment Bank (EIB) Group provides a **pan-European guarantee fund for SMEs** throughout the EU including loans of up to €200 billion.

▼ **Member States:** The European Stability Mechanism setting up **Pandemic Crisis Support** by means of loans available to the Eurozone (worth €240 billion).

The EU has redirected EU funds to help Member States tackle COVID-19:

▼ **€37 billion from the EU budget** available to support healthcare systems, SMEs and labour markets via the **Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII)**.

▼ **Up to €28 billion of unused structural funds** are now eligible for crisis response.

▼ **Up to €800 million from the EU Solidarity Fund** are directed at the countries severely affected by COVID-19.

The EU has also adopted measures to ensure additional flexibility in the use of structural funds. Thanks to the so-called **Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+)**:

▼ Member States can **transfer budgets between different funds** to meet their needs.

▼ Resources can be redirected to the **most affected regions**, thanks to a suspension of the conditions on which regions are entitled to funding.

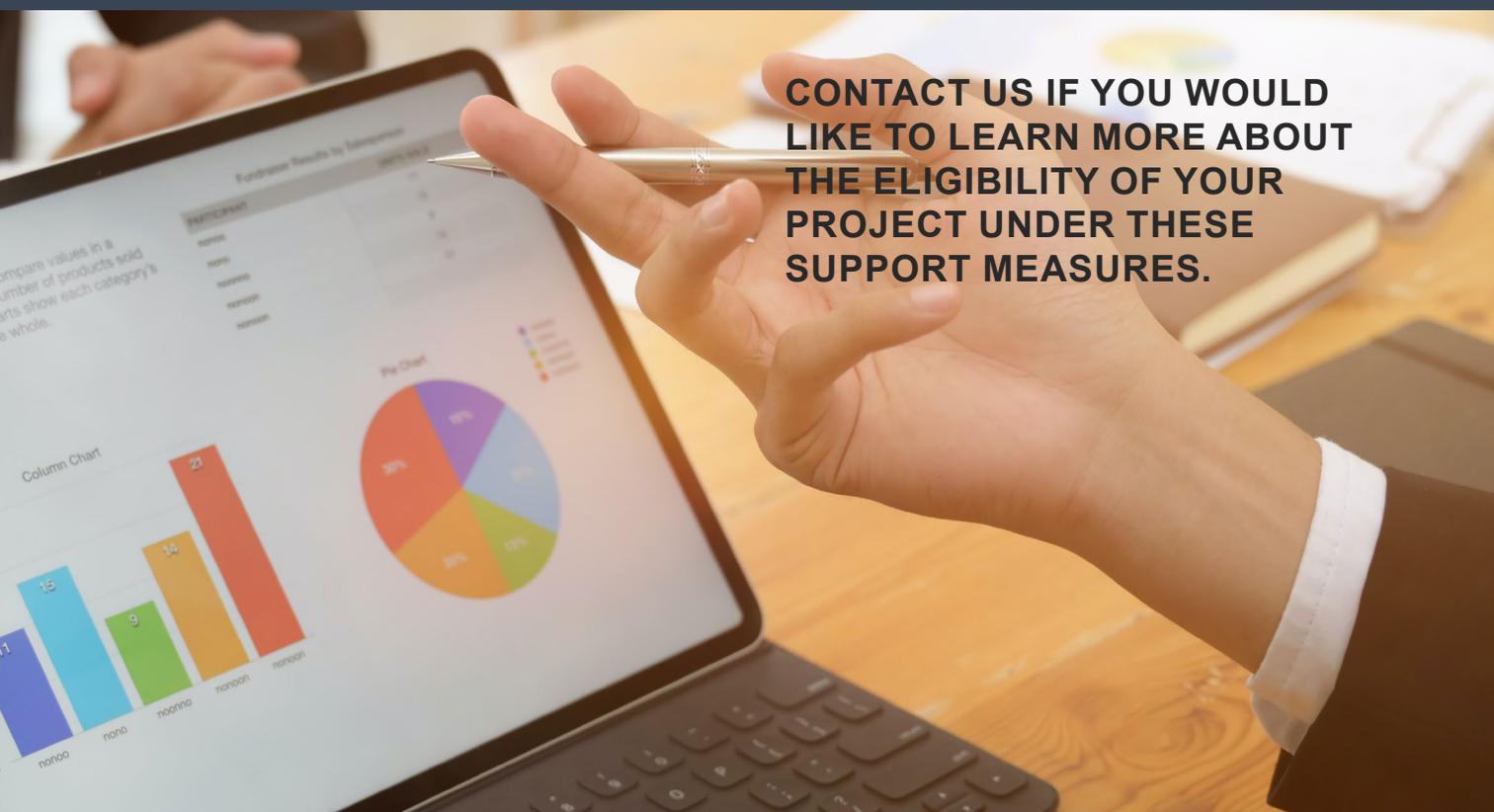
▼ Member States can request up to **100% financing from the EU budget** between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 for programmes dealing with the impact of the pandemic.

The EU has enabled **maximum flexibility in the application of EU rules** on:

▼ State Aid measures to support businesses and workers.

▼ Public finances and fiscal policies, e.g. to accommodate exceptional spending.

In addition to these short-term measures, the new EU Budget for the period 2021-2027 is also being set up, which will very likely trigger a significant boost to the EU's financial means and ambition. Stay tuned for further news on the new EU budget in the upcoming editions.



CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY OF YOUR PROJECT UNDER THESE SUPPORT MEASURES.

COVID-19 FUNDING



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT OF THE MULTIPLE GERMAN SUPPORT MEASURES.

► FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR COMPANIES

A federal support scheme takes the form of direct grants, repayable advances and tax advantages. For most companies affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, this support scheme does not provide more than €800.000 per company.

[More information is available here](#)

► REGIONAL SUPPORT

Regional support programmes were set up in coordination with the federal government.

[An overview of all regional programmes is available here](#)

► PUBLIC LOANS

A federal loan programme covers up to 90% of the risk for loans for companies of all sizes, and even up to 100% for companies with more than 10 employees. Eligible loans may have a maturity of up to 5 years and can reach €1 billion per company, depending on the company's liquidity needs.

[More information is available here](#)

Larger loans can be provided by Germany's public bank KfW together with private banks as a consortium. For this scheme, the risk taken by the State may cover up to 80% of a specific loan but not more than 50% of total debt of a company.

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► TAX PAYMENT DEFERRALS

Companies may defer tax payments and reduce their tax advance payments. Moreover, the tax administration may agree to lower income tax, corporate tax and the tax base for the business tax.

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► SHORT-TIME WORK SCHEME

The German government offers up to €10,5 billion if companies impose short-time working and this results in loss of remuneration. In such cases affected employees may receive short-time compensation.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT OF THE MULTIPLE DUTCH SUPPORT MEASURES.

Several schemes are available in the Netherlands to provide liquidity quickly to companies suffering from the economic effects of the COVID 19 pandemic:

▶ ALLOWANCE OF €4.000

Does your company belong to those sectors that have been most affected by the government measures concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19)? Do you suffer damage due to the forced closure, the limitation of meetings and / or travel bans? In that case, you can receive a one-off allowance of €4.000 through a dedicated government scheme for entrepreneurs. It is open until 26 June 2020. Entrepreneurs are free in the purpose of spending the allowance. The scheme is open to a specific group of entrepreneurs.

▶ GO

Do you have a medium or large company and do you need a loan? In connection with the Coronavirus measures, the expanded Enterprise Finance Guarantee scheme offers additional options. The Enterprise Finance Guarantee scheme is a government response to the difficulties companies are now facing in attracting bank loans. The bank receives a 50% state guarantee and is therefore less at risk. As a result, companies are more likely to succeed in attracting new bank loans. **The scheme is open until the end of 2020.**

▶ BMKB scheme

In response to liquidity problems caused by the Coronavirus crisis, the BMKB has been expanded with a Coronavirus section (BMKB-C). The BMKB is intended for SMEs with a maximum of 250 employees. In the regular scheme, the guarantee loan concerns 50% of the loan that the financier (often a bank) provides. **The government has guaranteed amounts to 90% of the loan.** The scheme is open until the end of 2020.

NETHERLANDS

▶ GUARANTEE FOR AGRICULTURAL LOANS

The agricultural and horticultural sector is experiencing declining demand for their products, both nationally and internationally. As a result, agricultural and horticultural companies may run into financial difficulties. That is why there is a guarantee scheme for working capital under the **Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme (BL)**. The Ministry of Agriculture guarantees and banks can provide several tens of millions of working capital.

▶ NOW

Businesses that suffer a loss of turnover due to the Coronavirus crisis can be reimbursed via the NOW scheme. They can receive up to 90% of their wage costs.

Therefore, two conditions apply:

1. Employers do not lay off staff during the grant period for business reasons.
2. Employers continue to pay wages.



Our regional partner in the Netherlands is the Funding Company. The Funding Company's team identifies and obtains financial support through grants and incentives that assist the client's business plan execution.

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CZECH REPUBLIC

RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF THE OCCURRENCE AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 ON BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC DECIDED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS, GRANTS OR DIRECT SUPPORT.

▶ LOANS

One of the forms of support is **interest-free loans provided by the Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank**. The scheme should enable access for small and medium-sized enterprises to financial capital, whose economic activities are limited due to the occurrence of Coronavirus infections and related preventive measures. The specific amount of interest-free operating loans is provided in the range of CZK 500.000 up to CZK 15 million.

▶ GRANTS

Another option that Czech entrepreneurs can use in a difficult situation are **grants**. The Ministry of Industry and Trade will support, through the Operational Program Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness, the production of medical devices and the development and deployment of new technologies for the fight against Coronavirus infections. This is the XII. Call Technology and Czech Rise up - Smart Measures Against COVID-19. The expected aid intensity is up to 50% of all eligible expenditure for SMEs in the range of 250.000 up to CZK 20 million. It is expected to be supported projects with a total allocation of CZK 300 million.

All Coronavirus measures are subject to changes, updates and modifications based on current evolutions.

▶ INNOVATION VOUCHERS

In connection to grants, the Innovation Vouchers programme is also being prepared. The call will support the development of communication and of knowledge sharing between the business and research sectors, which business entities can use exclusively to fight Coronavirus infections. The subject of support will be getting advisory, expert and support services from research organizations and accredited laboratories in the field of innovation aimed at fighting or preventing COVID-19. The support is intended for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs who can receive a grant of up to 1 million CZK. The expected aid intensity is 50 - 85% of the total eligible expenditure.

▶ SHORT-TIME WORK

In addition to the above-mentioned measures, the Government of the Czech Republic also adopted other measures that directly address assistance to entrepreneurs and businesses, such as short-time work, direct support for self-employed persons in the amount of 25.000 CZK, monthly banking products of the Czech Export Bank, as well as postponement of toll and road tax payments for carriers or a liberalization package forgiving the June down payments on personal and corporate income tax.

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