Overview of Measures to Mitigate the Negative Economic Effects of the Coronavirus Crisis by European, Middle Eastern, and Asian Countries

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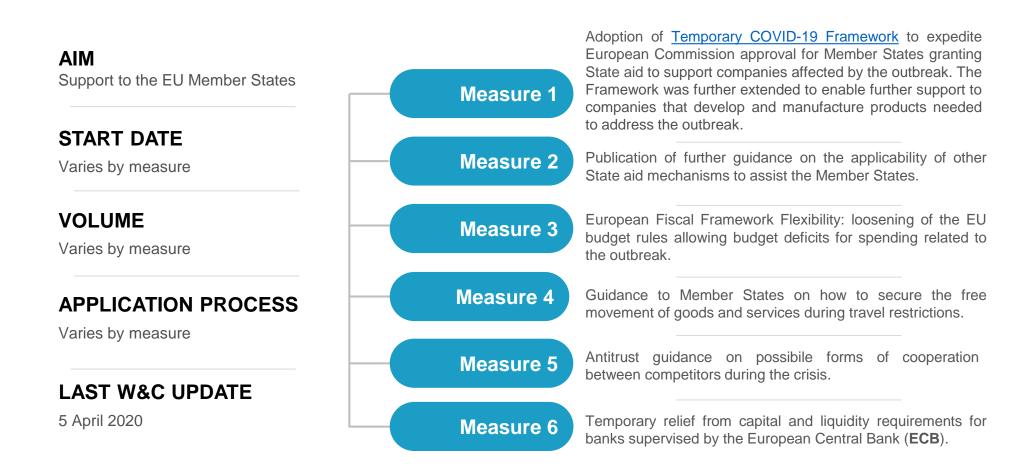
This document provides an overview of the main measures taken by European, Middle Eastern and Asian countries to mitigate the negative effects of the Coronavirus crisis on the economy. It is prepared for the general information of our clients and other interested persons. It is not, and does not attempt to be, comprehensive in nature. Due to the general nature of its content, it should not be regarded as legal advice.

The date of the latest update is indicated for each jurisdiction, and we will endeavour to update this overview as new measures are announced and/or come into effect. However these are fast-changing developments, and the eligible sectors and beneficiaries as well as the application process for each measure vary depending on the measure. Many measures will also be subject to the approval of the European Commission under EU State aid rules.

Our global team would be pleased to provide with further details for each measure upon request.



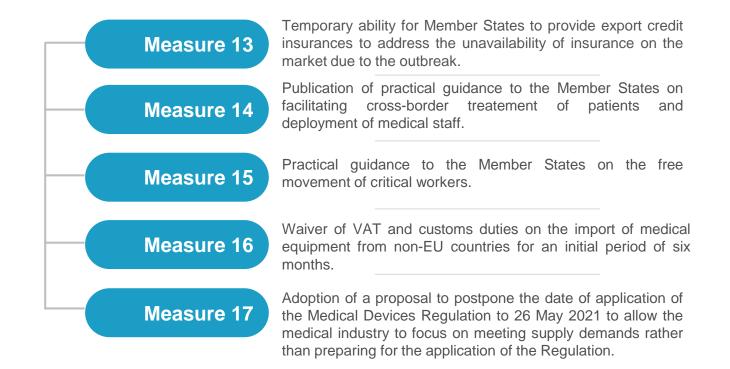
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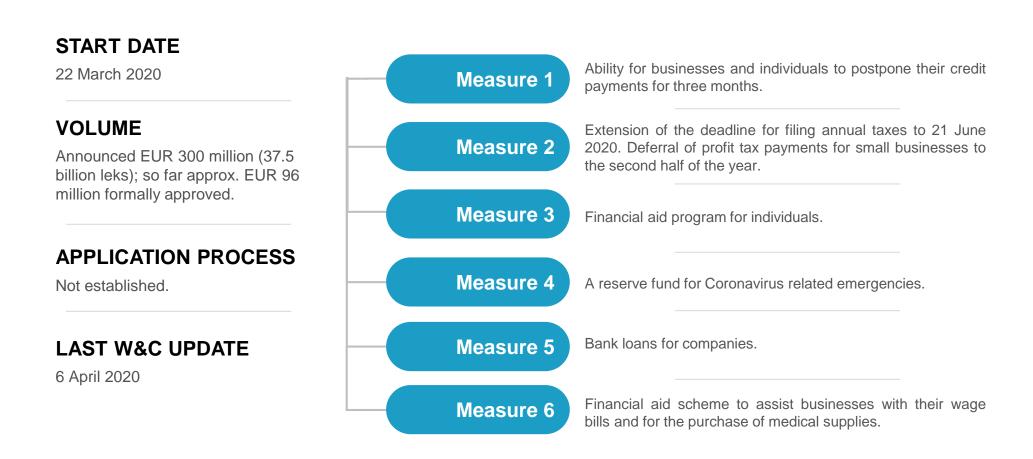
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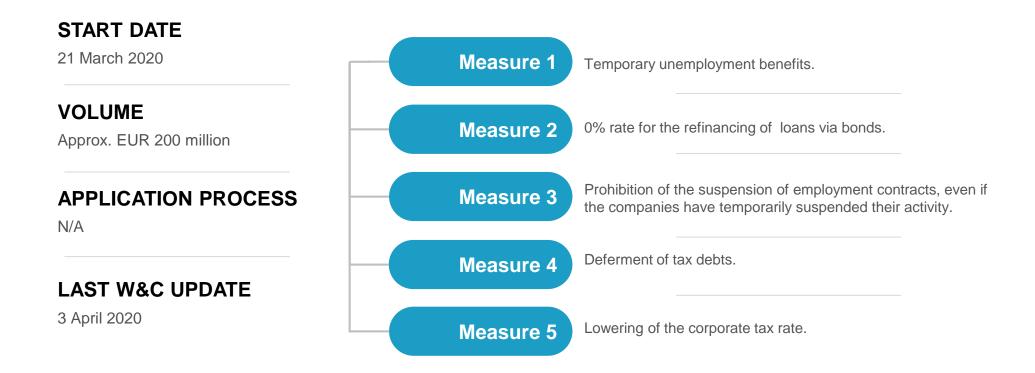
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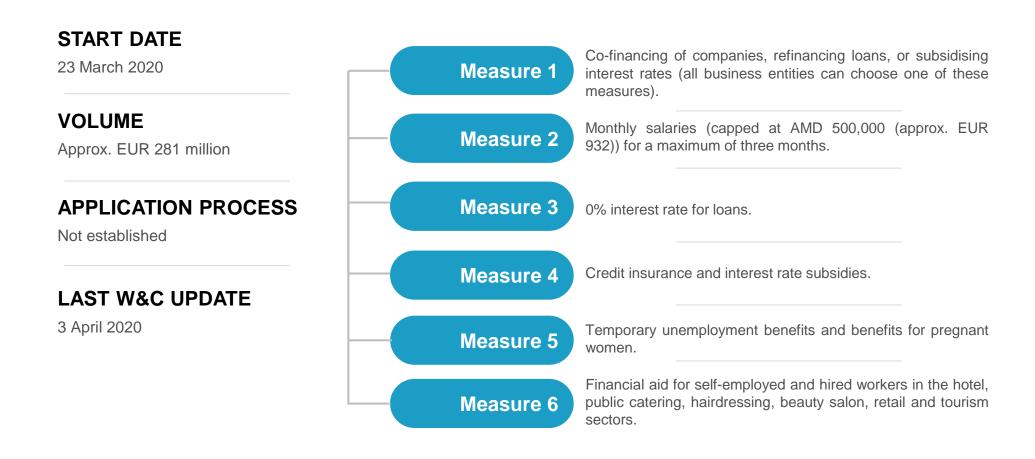












Austria

START DATE

15 March 2020-21 March 2020 Measure 2 applies as of 1 March.

VOLUME

EUR 63 billion

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions as well as the application process vary depending on the measure.

Taxpayers' request for deferral of corporate and income tax due until 31 October 2020.

Credit guarantees, bridging loans, tax and social contributions deferrals. Reduction of advance tax payments and Measure 1 strengthening and a EUR 2 billion credit line for export support. Short-time work scheme to preserve employment for Measure 2 employers forced to reduce their workers hours. Subsidised salary for the reduced hours up to certain thresholds. Partial income subsidies for special leave for childcare Measure 3 purposes. Hotel and Tourism Bank Guarantee scheme offering guarantees to affected SMEs for 80% of bridging loans for a Measure 4 term of up to 3 years. The maximum amount of loan is EUR 400,000 per beneficiary. Grants through the hardship fund of up to EUR 2 billion for Measure 5 SMEs and family businesses . Extension of the time period to file for insolvency to 120 days Measure 6 instead of 60 and temporary suspension of debt repayments in the context of insolvency proceedings.

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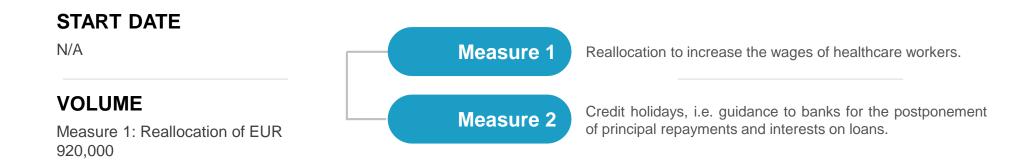
Austria











APPLICATION PROCESS

N/A

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START DATE

6 March 2020

VOLUME

Approx. EUR 50.5 billion including guarantees.

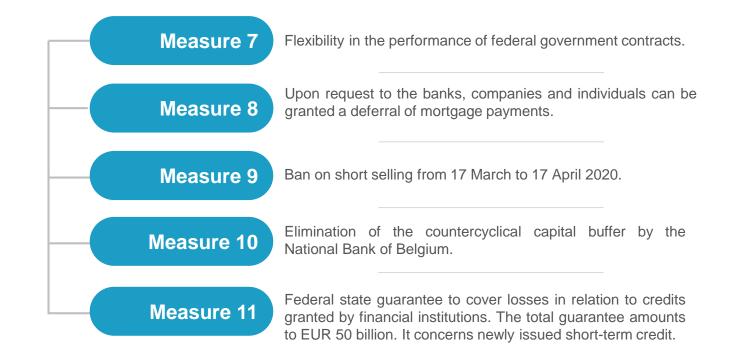
APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process depends on the measure. For loans and guarantees, the applicant is referred to their bank. For other measures, applicants are referred to the relevant government agency.

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Belgium



Bosnia and Herzegovina

START DATE Deadline for filing of corporate income tax returns has been Most of the measures still need to Measure 1 extended to 15 April 2020 in Federation of BiH and to 30 be enacted, details on application April 2020 in Republika Srpska. are still unknown. Possibility to subsidise wages for the reduced working hours Measure 2 of the employees (different regimes for FBiH and Republika VOLUME Srpska). Not established. [Announced] Promise to create fund to provide guarantees to Measure 3 the banks to issue loans to support companies' liquidity (priority treatment for the sectors hit hard by the crisis). **APPLICATION PROCESS** [Announced] Several proposals to allow for the delay of VAT Measure 4 Details on application are still and contributions payments. unknown. [Announced] Deferment of loan repayments by companies Measure 5 and individuals for at least three months. LAST W&C UPDATE 3 April 2020 [Announced] Fund for the stabilisation of the economy to Measure 6 support the pension system and labour offices.

Bulgaria

START DATE

13 March 2020

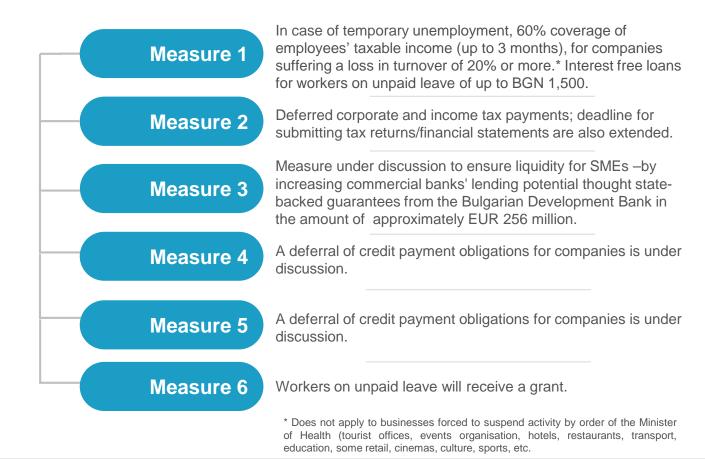
VOLUME

Approx. EUR 4.5 billion

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions vary depending on the measure. The application process goes mainly through the employment agency or the relevant banks.

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START DATE

17 March 2020

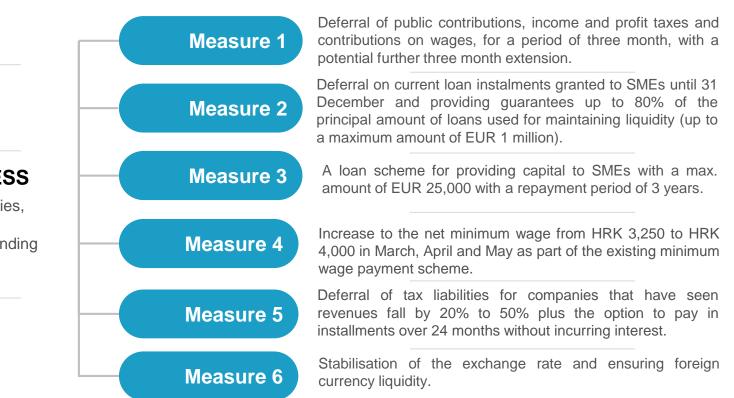
VOLUME

Approx. EUR 4.5 billion

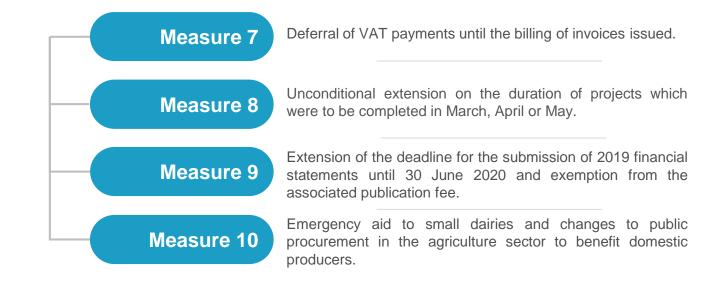
APPLICATION PROCESS

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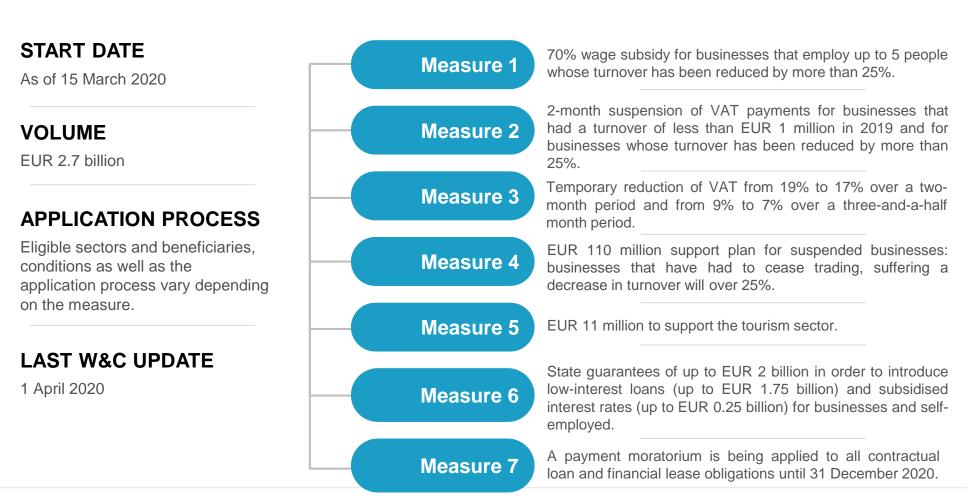
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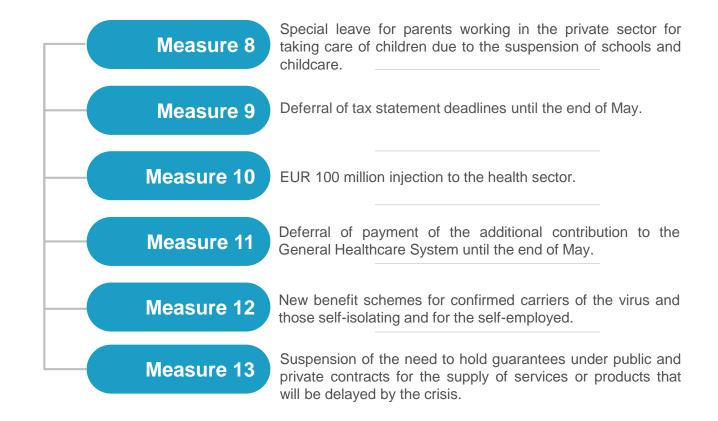
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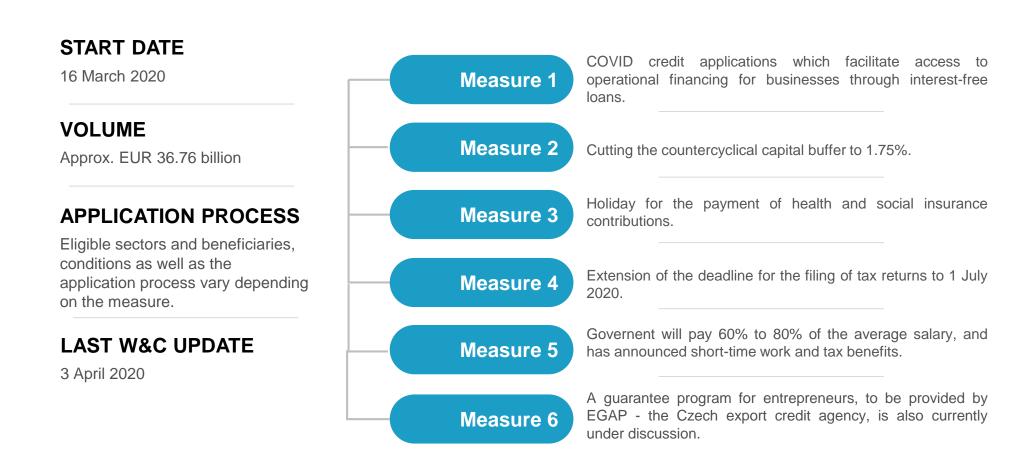




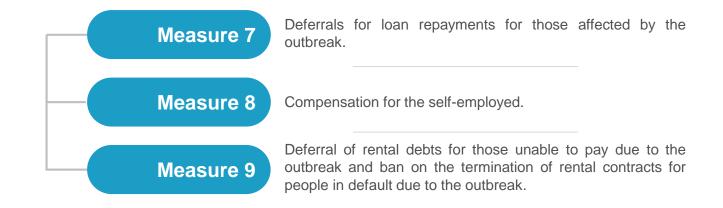
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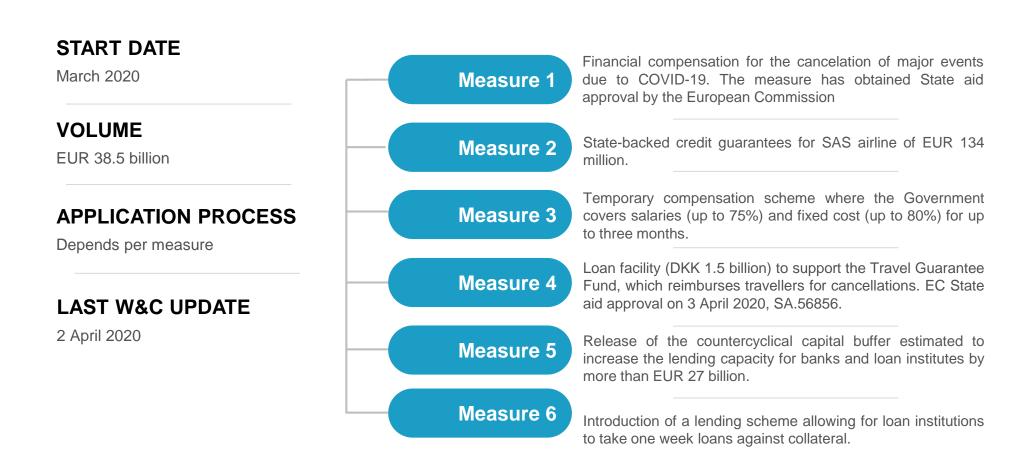
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Denmark

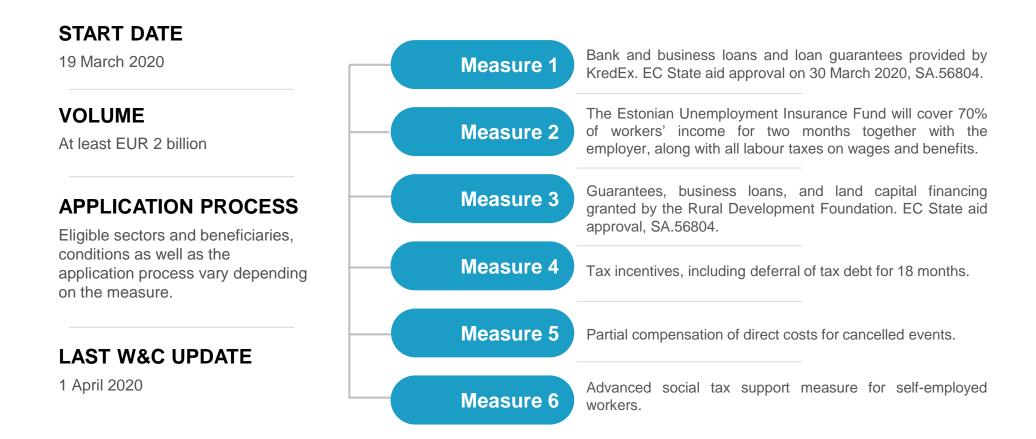




Measure 13

Deferral of VAT payments and payments of corporate tax to the government.



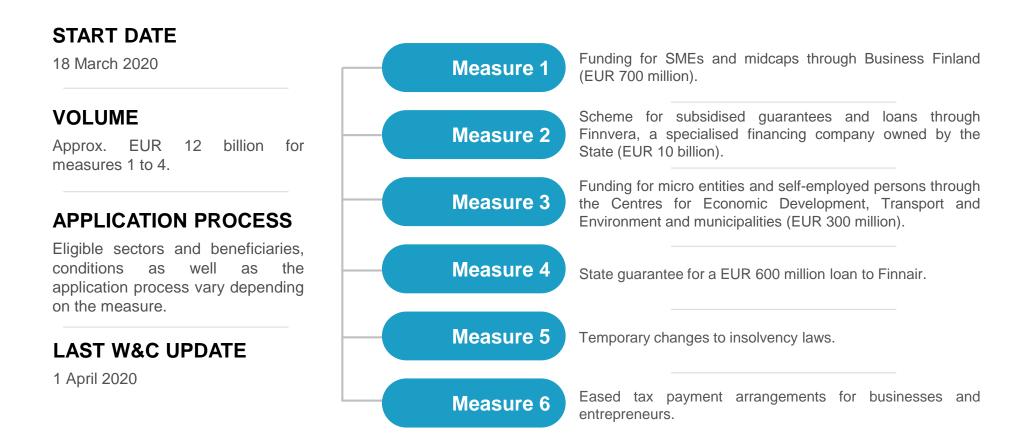




Measure 7

Sickness benefits from March to May, with compensation for the first three days of sick leave.





Finland



France

START DATE

Measure 4: 25 March 2020 Measure 6: 17 March 2020 Measure 9: 18 March 2020

VOLUME

Approx. EUR 302.6 billion including guarantees

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions as well as the application process vary depending on the measure.

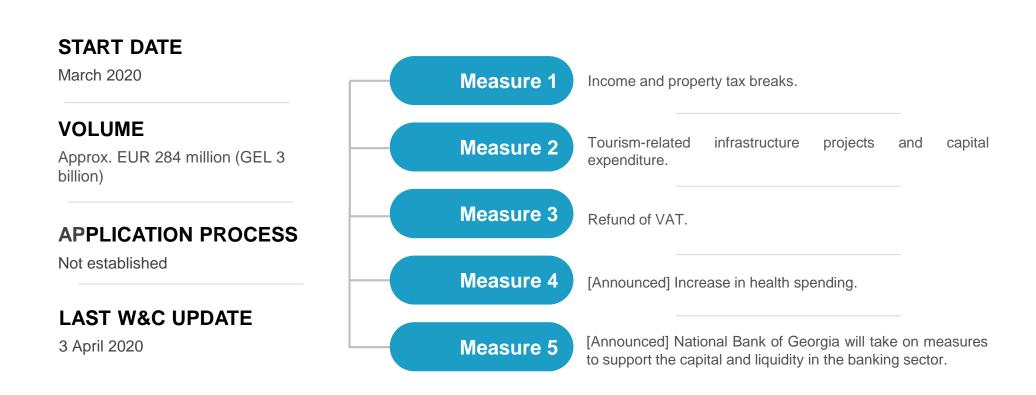
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France









START DATE

Measure 1: 1 March 2020 Measure 2: Per application date Measure 3: 23 March 2020

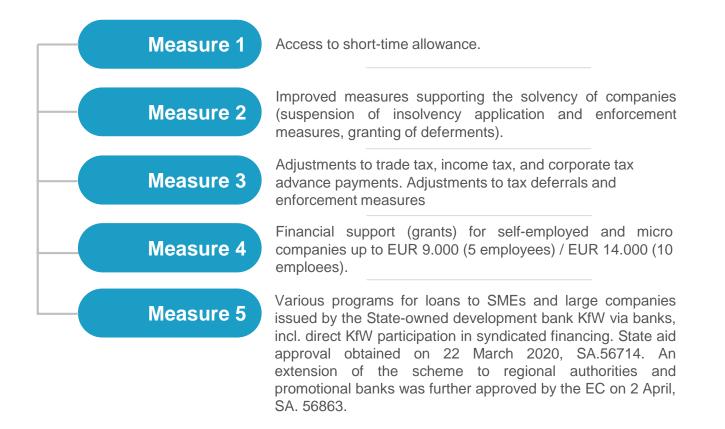
VOLUME

EUR 821.71 billion (guarantee framework)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application to employment agency, tax authorities, principal bank, guarantee banks or governments as applicable.

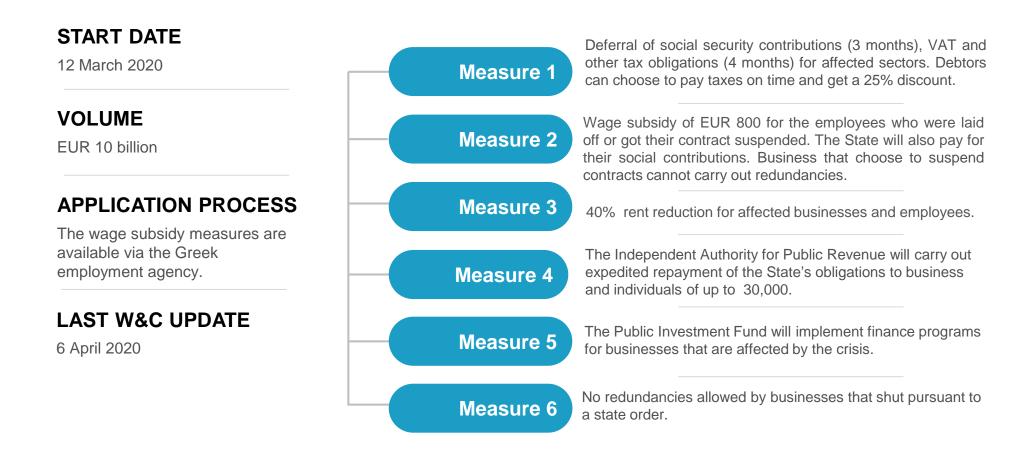
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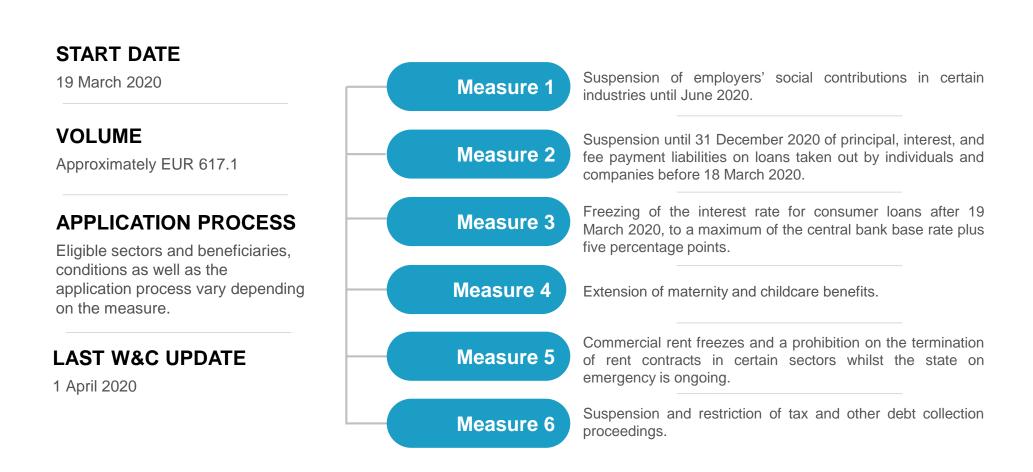
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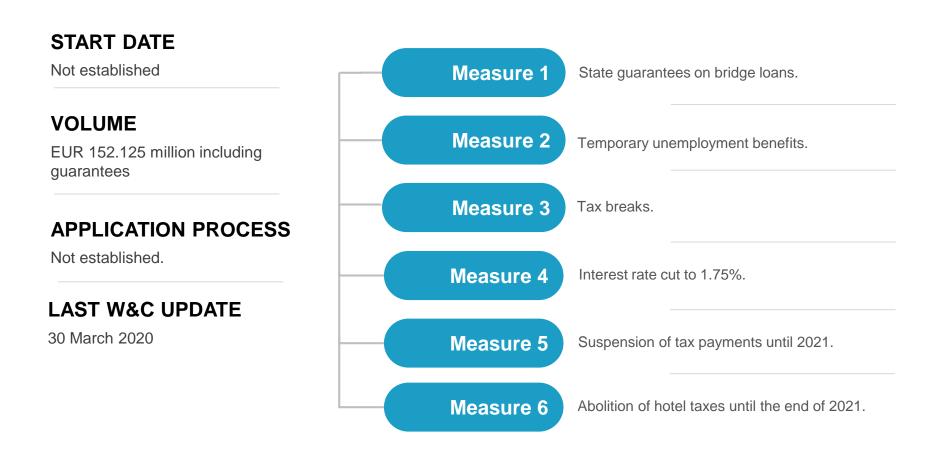




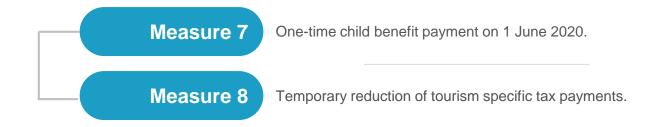
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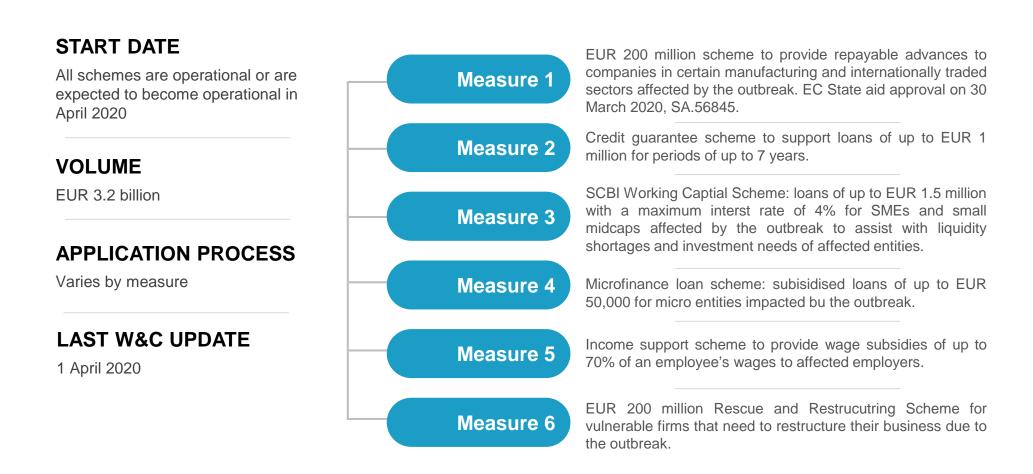




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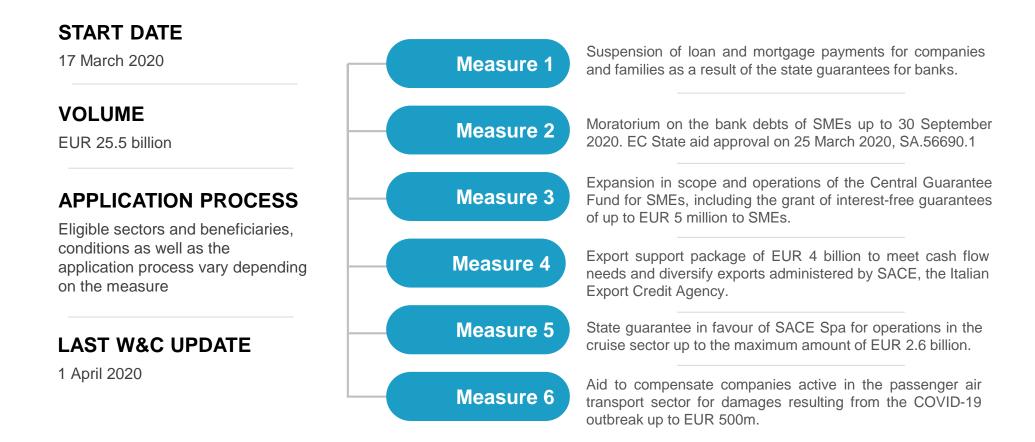




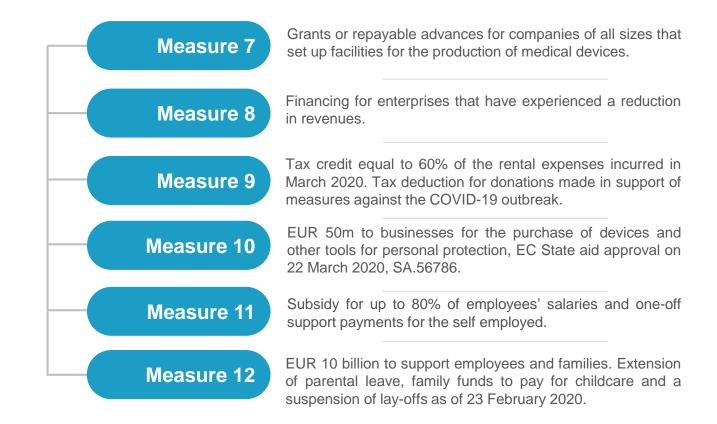
Ireland







Italy



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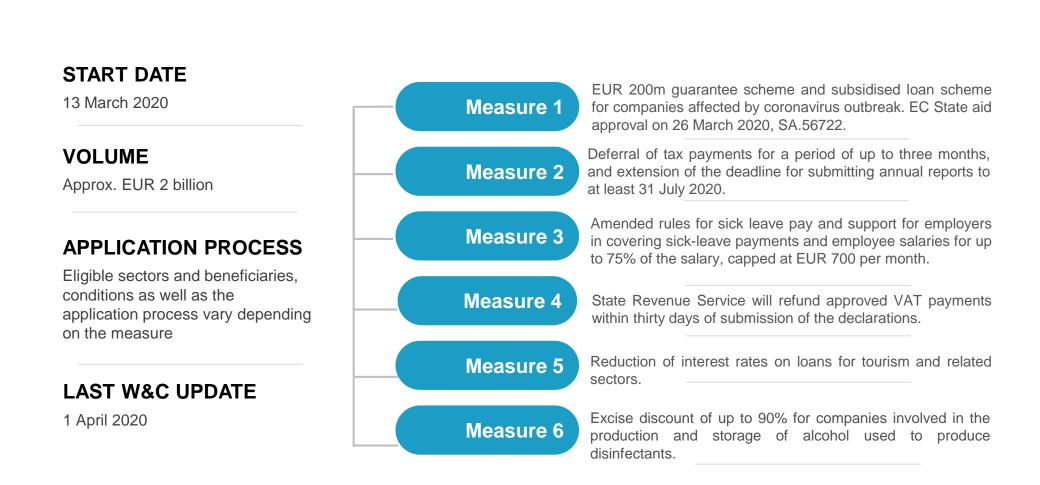


START DATE Payment of EUR 130 to employees who lose their jobs due 13 March 2020 Measure 1 to the outbreak. Payment of an additional sum of EUR 30 per month to all beneficiaries of social assistance and those with pensions below EUR 100. VOLUME Covering expenditures for the monthly salaries in the Measure 2 Approx. EUR 2 billion amount of EUR 170 per month for April and May. Advancing payments for social assistance schemes by Measure 3 additional one month's amount from one month to two months **APPLICATION PROCESS** to support families in need. Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions as well as the Deferrals for corporate income and personal income taxes, Measure 4 application process vary depending and VAT. on the measure Deferral of public utilities payments until end of April. Measure 5 Removal of VAT on imports of wheat and flour. LAST W&C UPDATE 3 April 2020 Suspension of payment of loan instalments for businesses Measure 6 and individuals until 30 April 2020.

Kosovo



Short-time work allowance.



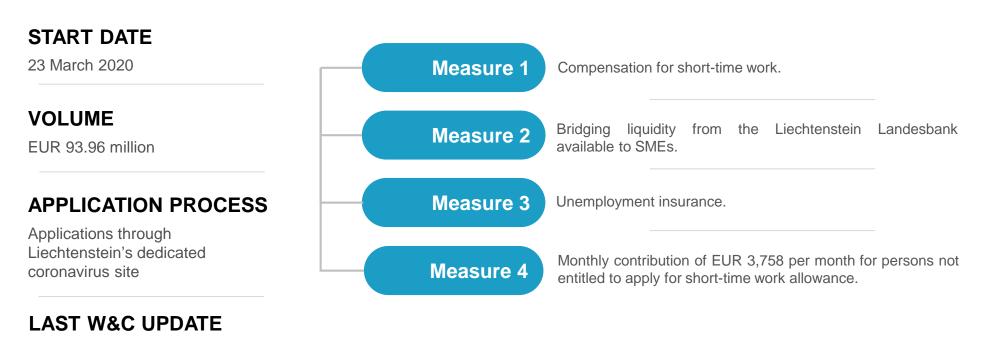
Latvia



Measure 7

Short-time work allowance.

Liechtenstein



30 March 2020



START DATE Raising the net borrowing limit from EUR 900m to EUR .5.4 First package of measures Measure 1 billion approved 17 March 2020 Businesses that have to stop trading are eligible for government support to cover up to 90% of their employees' Measure 2 VOLUME salaries, up to the minimum wage. EUR 2.5 billion Businesses that do not have to stop their activities due to guarantine, but are still affected, are eligible for government Measure 3 support to cover up to 60% of their employees' salaries, up to **APPLICATION PROCESS** the minimum wage. Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, Regulatory measures to increase commercial banks' lending Measure 4 conditions as well as the potential by EUR 2.5 billion. application process vary depending on the measure An allowance of EUR 250 to self-employed workers who have Measure 5 paid their social security contributions and are unable to carry out their activities due to the guarantine. LAST W&C UPDATE 30 March 2020 Support for self-employed persons and NGOs working in the Measure 6 arts and culture affected by the outbreak.

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Lithuania

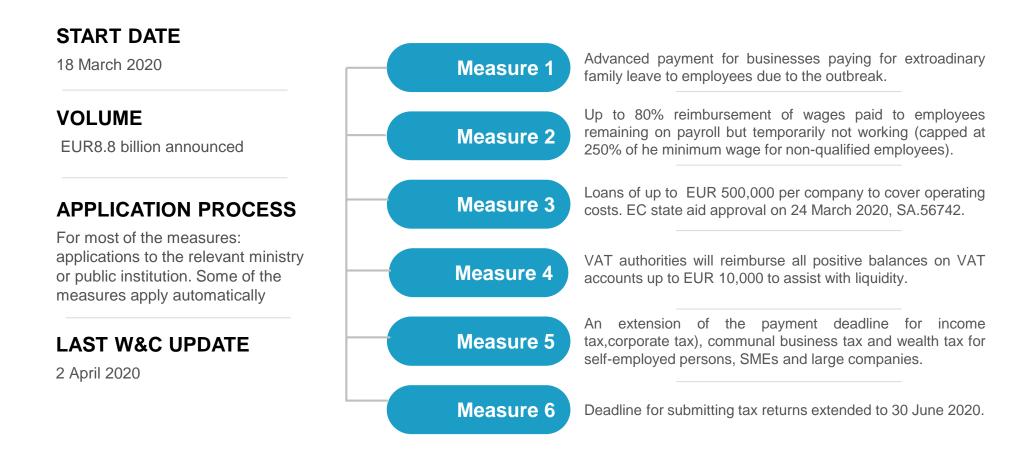




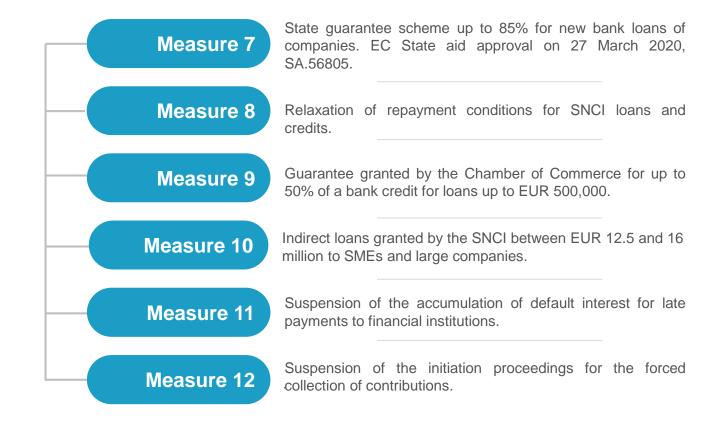


Payments for the creative downtime of artists and culture professionals who are unable to generate income from their activities due to quarantine.



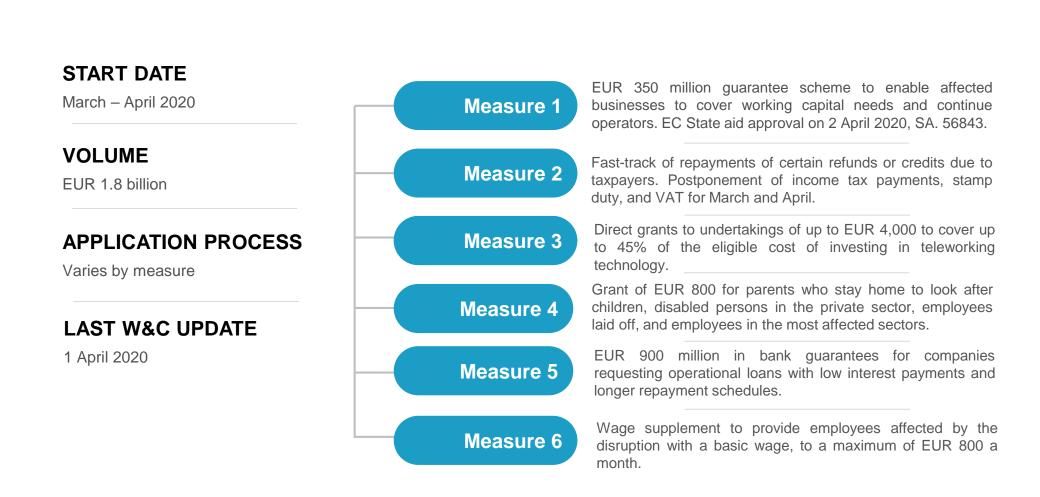


Luxembourg



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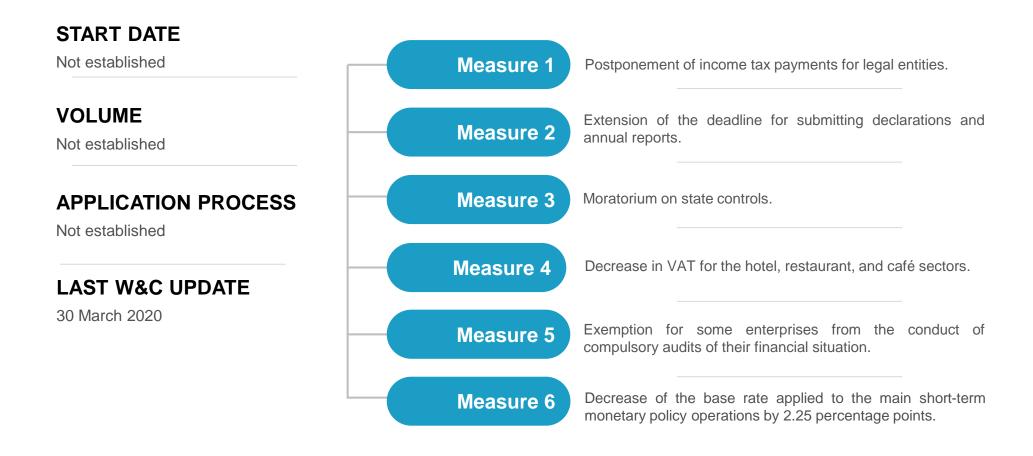
Malta



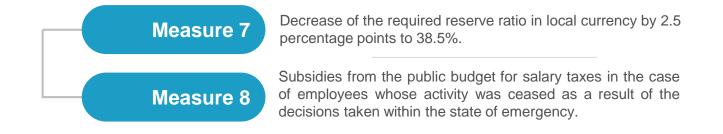
Measure 7

March and April tax payment deadlines relating to Provisional Tax, Social Security Contributions, payments under the FSS and VAT are deferred to May-August.

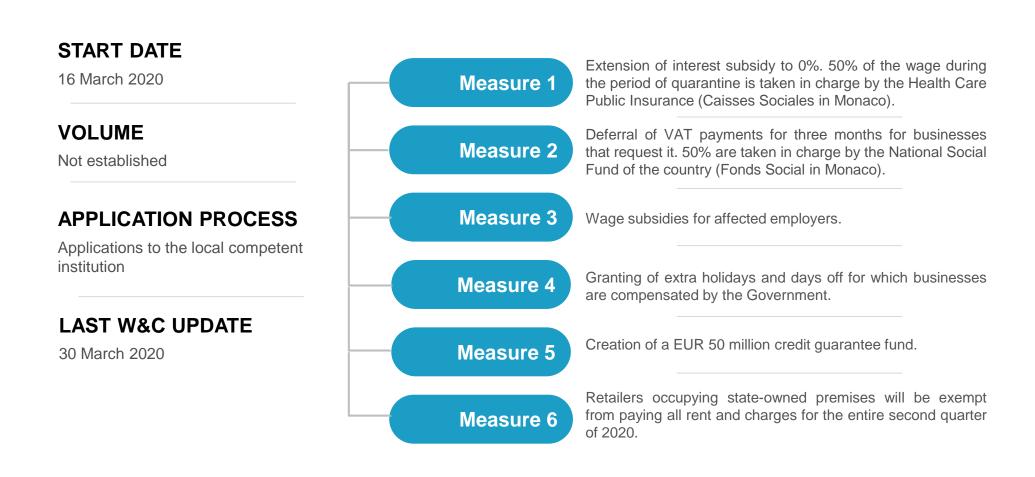




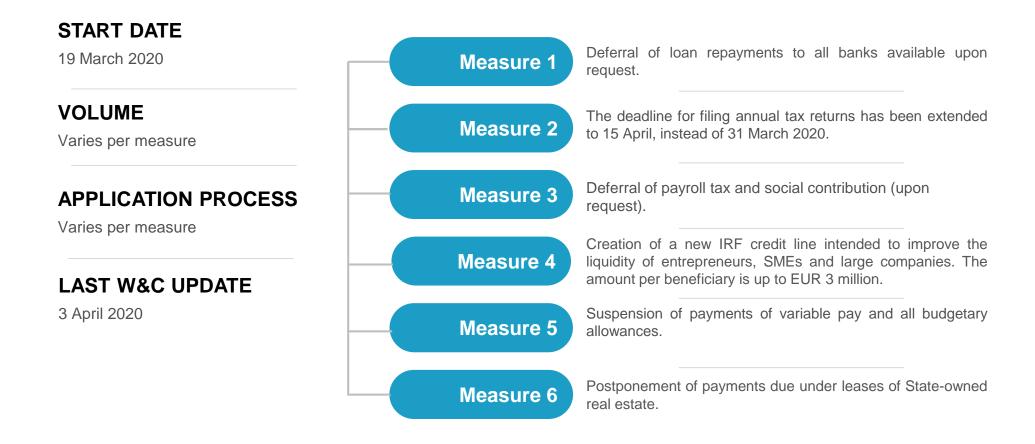
Moldova

















START DATE

17 March 2020

VOLUME

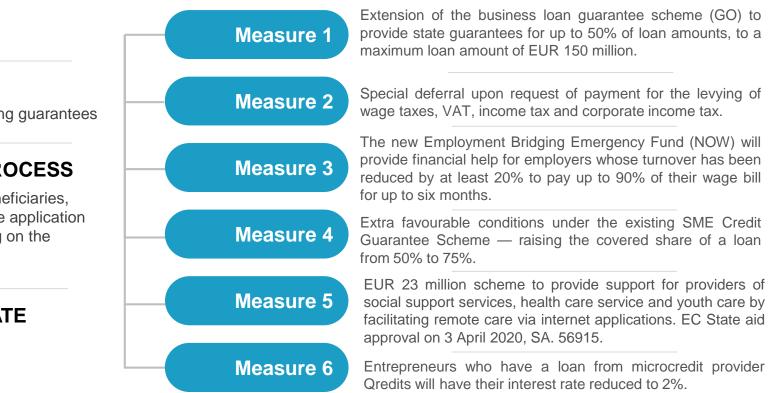
EUR 15.5 billion including guarantees

APPLICATION PROCESS

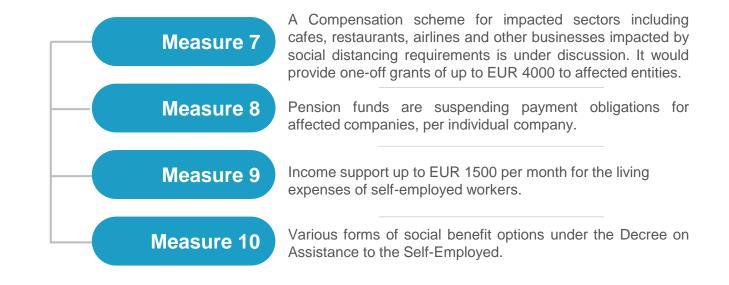
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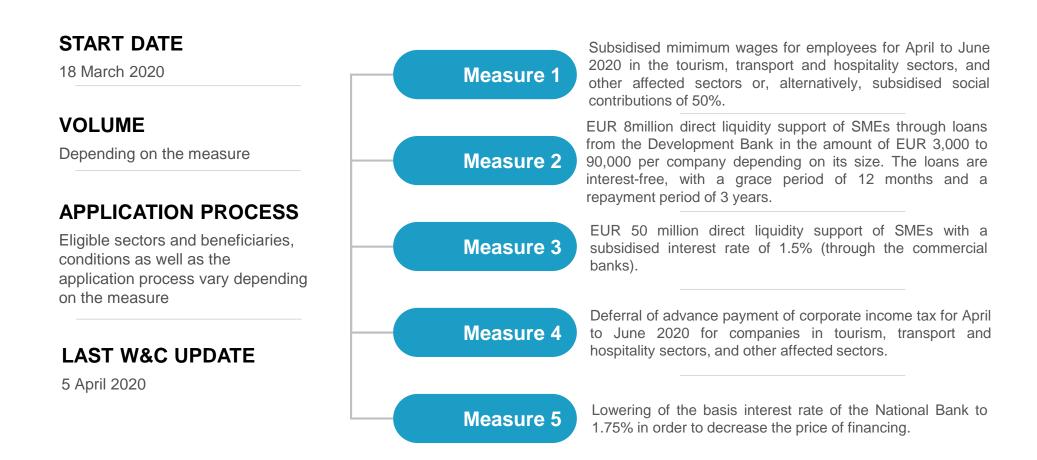
1 April 2020



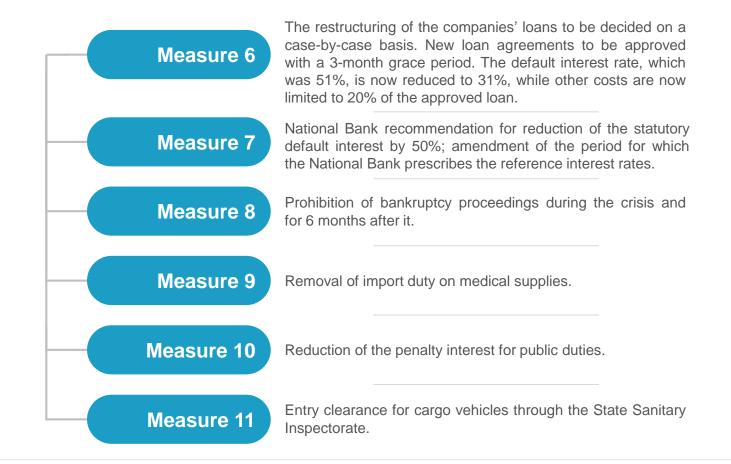
Netherlands



North Macedonia



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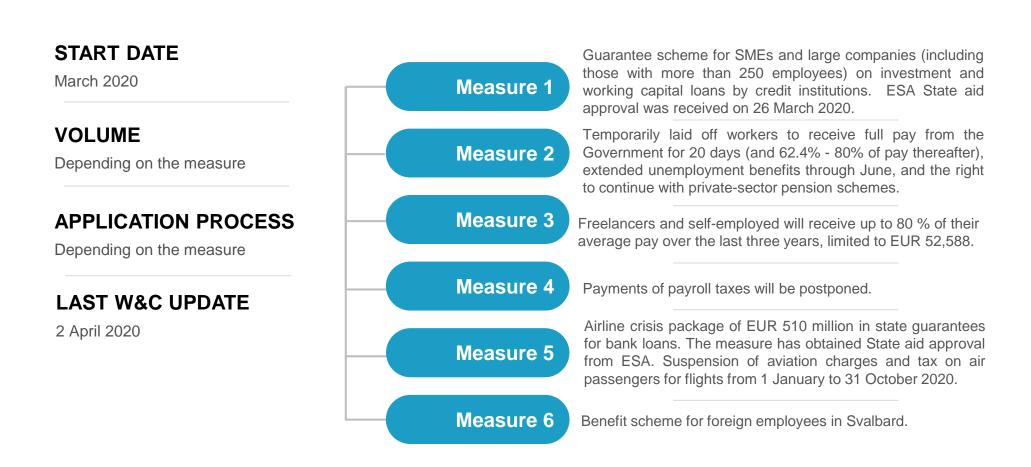


North Macedonia

Measure 12

Price controls on basic food products, medicine, and disinfection products.

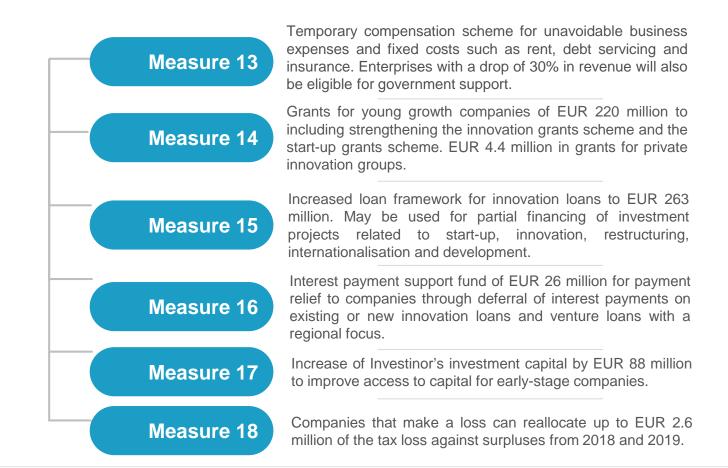




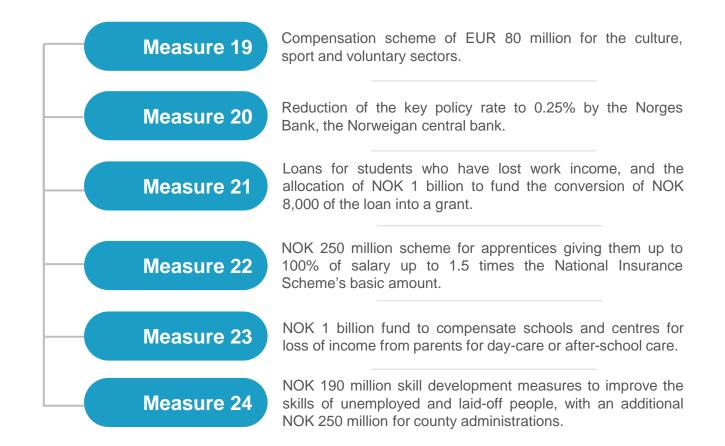
Norway



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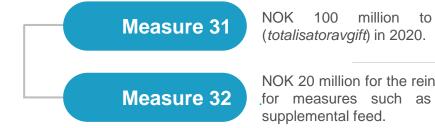
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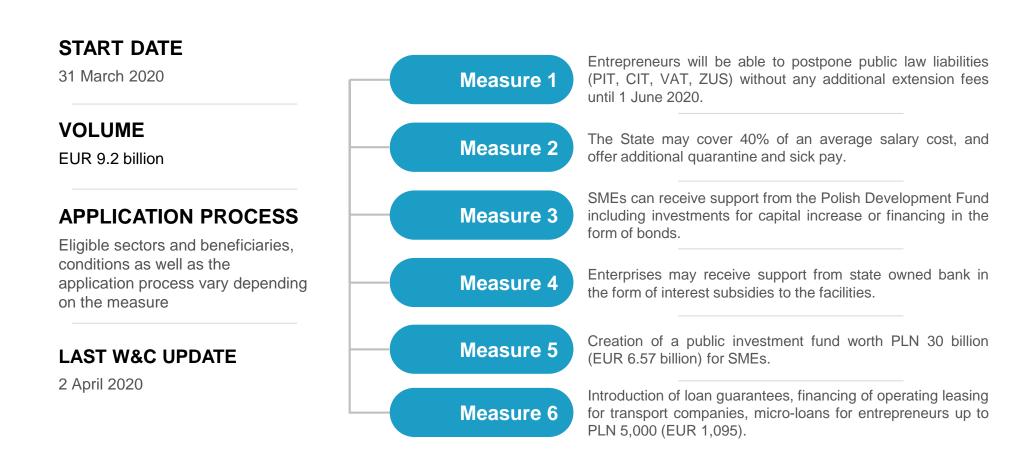
NOK 20 million for the reindeer industry grazing crisis, paying for measures such as procurement and transport of

suspend

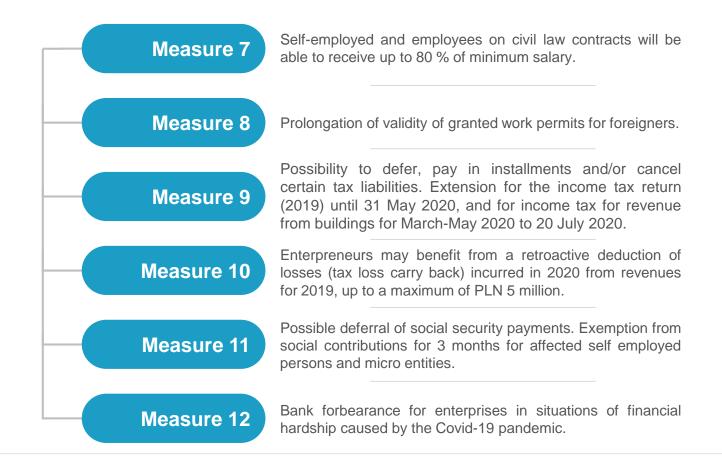
horse

racing tax





Poland



Poland





START DATE State guarantees for operating loans to increase access to financing for SMEs and midcaps facing liquidity shartages in March 2020 Measure 1 the tourism, restaurant, extractive, manufacturing, travel and event sectors. State aid approved by the European Commisison on 22 March 2020, SA.56755. VOLUME Flexible payment schedules for tax and social contribution EUR 9.2 billion including Measure 2 payments. guarantees Companies will be allowed to suspend social security payments and maintain employees' contracts with payments Measure 3 **APPLICATION PROCESS** equal to two-thirds of salaries, funded largely (up to 70%) by Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, the state. conditions as well as the Credits due in the next six months and all installments of application process vary depending Measure 4 capital, interest, rent, among others, will be suspended until on the measure September 30. EUR 13 billion to fund two schemes providing direct grants LAST W&C UPDATE and public guarantees to assist companies to cover Measure 5 investment and working capital needs. EC State aid approval 1 April 2020 on 4 April 2020, SA. 56873. Extension of deadlines for payment of taxes and other Measure 6 declaratory obligations.

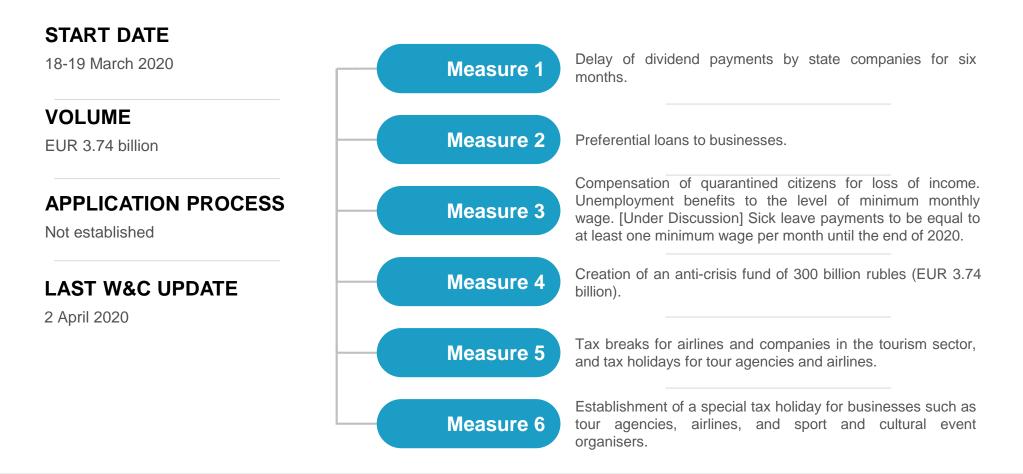
Portugal





START DATE Extended guarantees for companies that take loans for 20 March 2020 Measure 1 investments and working capital (EUR 1.04 billion), including subsidised interest rates. VOLUME Suspended employees will be paid 75% of the gross salary Measure 2 through the ANOFM (Agentia Nationala pentru Ocuparea Approx. 1.04 billion including fortei de Munca). guarantees VAT reimbursement of up to EUR 1.87 billion to allow Measure 3 companies to benefit from the working capital needed to **APPLICATION PROCESS** operate. Via the ANOFM website for the technical unemployment benefits Measure 4 Extension of deadlines for UBO statements. LAST W&C UPDATE Deferral of property tax by 3 months. Suspension of late 2 April 2020 Measure 5 interst and late payments of tax liabilities due after 21 March 2020. Measure 6 Suspension of foreclosures on overdue debts.

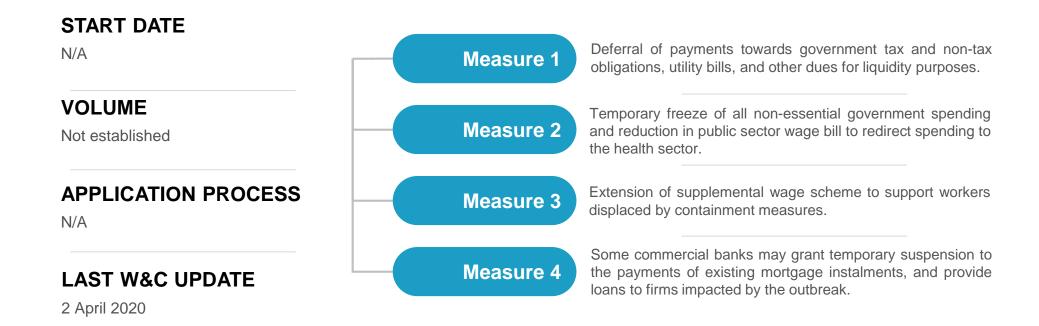




Russia









START DATE

Announced on 1 April 2020, still to be implemented.

VOLUME

EUR 5.1 billion

APPLICATION PROCESS

Measures still need to be enacted, details on application are unknown. All measures are said to apply to all companies, except those that reduce the number of employees by more than 10%

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START DATE

23 March 2020

VOLUME

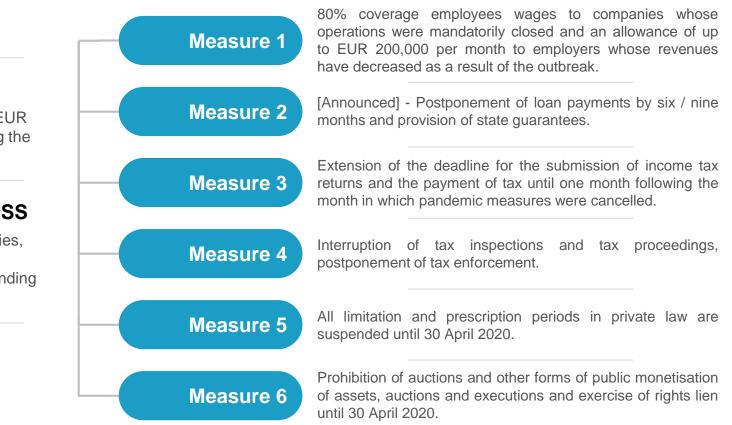
The overall estimate approx. EUR 1.5 billion per month (including the amount of guarantees)

APPLICATION PROCESS

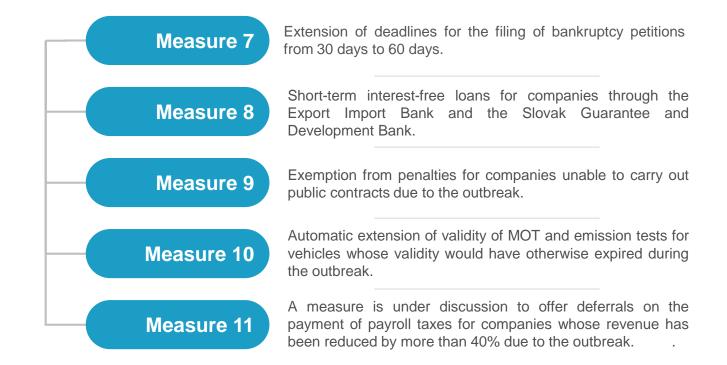
Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions as well as the application process vary depending on the measure

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Slovakia





START DATE

16-20 March 2020 (for administrative measures)

2 April 2020 (for economic measures)

VOLUME

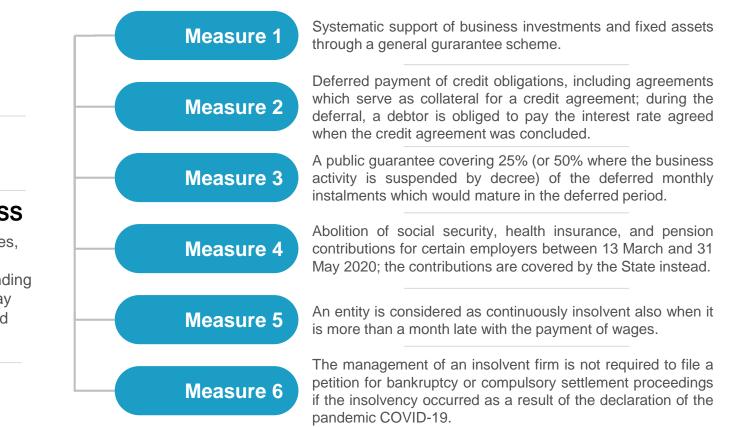
EUR 3 billion

APPLICATION PROCESS

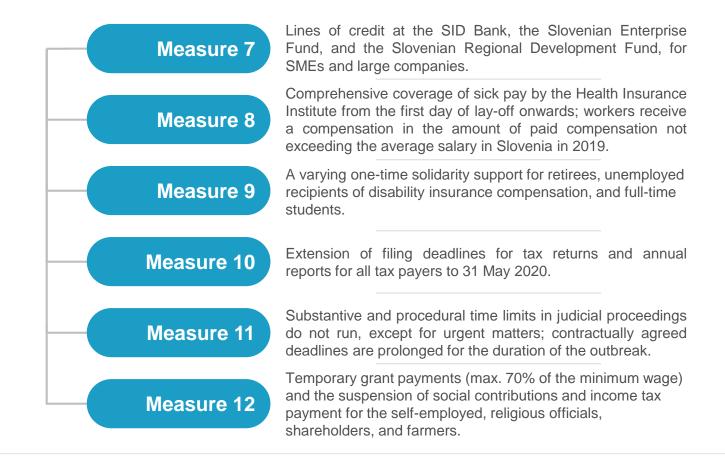
Eligible sectors and beneficiaries, conditions as well as the application process vary depending on the measure. Employers may claim reimbursement of the paid wage compensations with ESS

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Slovenia





Measure 13

Subventions for promotion of tourism through co-financing of promotions of tourism offers.



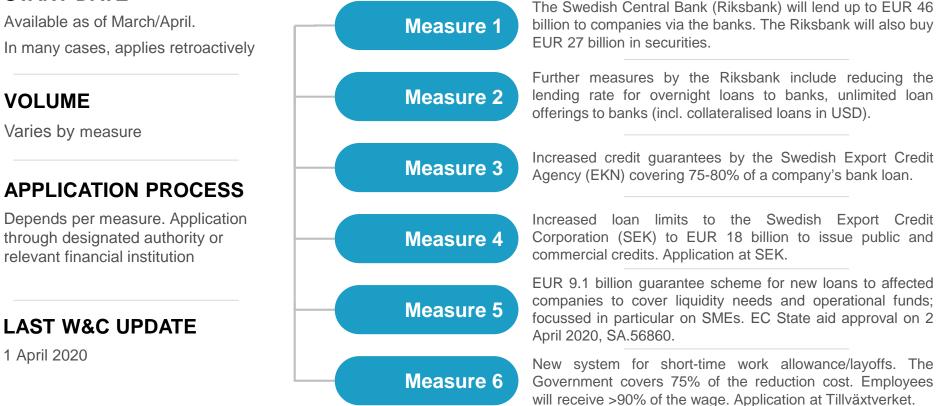


Spain





START DATE



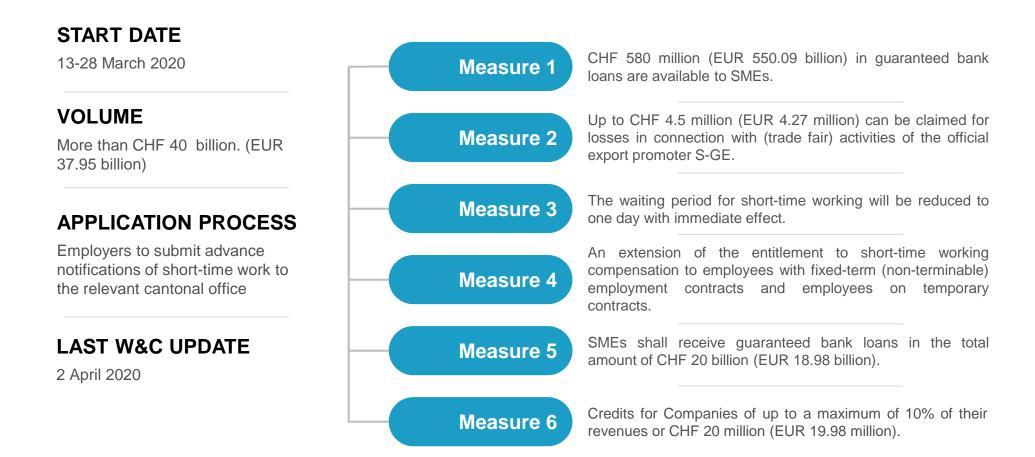
Sweden

| Measure 7 | Allowing companies to defer payments including tax, social security contributions and VAT. Appplies from 1 January, application at the Swedish Tax Agency. |
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| Measure 8 | Introduction of the possibility to adjust preliminary tax already paid for paid tax up to 6 months after the fiscal year. Application at the Swedish Tax Agency. |
| Measure 9 | Temporary reduction of rental costs in exposed sectors (e.g. durable consumer goods, hotels, restarants). The Government covers 50% of the rental reduction up to 50% of the fixed rent. To be agreed with property owner. |
| Measure 10 | Temporary reduction of employers' social security contributions for 1 March to 30 June. Up to 30 employees (salary cap at SEK 25,000) per employer. |
| Measure 11 | The Government assumes all sick pay for April and May. Companies will be compensated retroactively. For the same peroid, the sick pay standard deduction is abolished. |

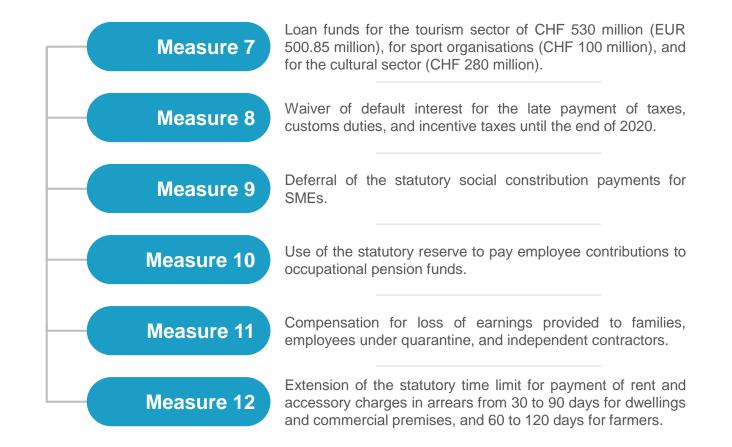
Sweden







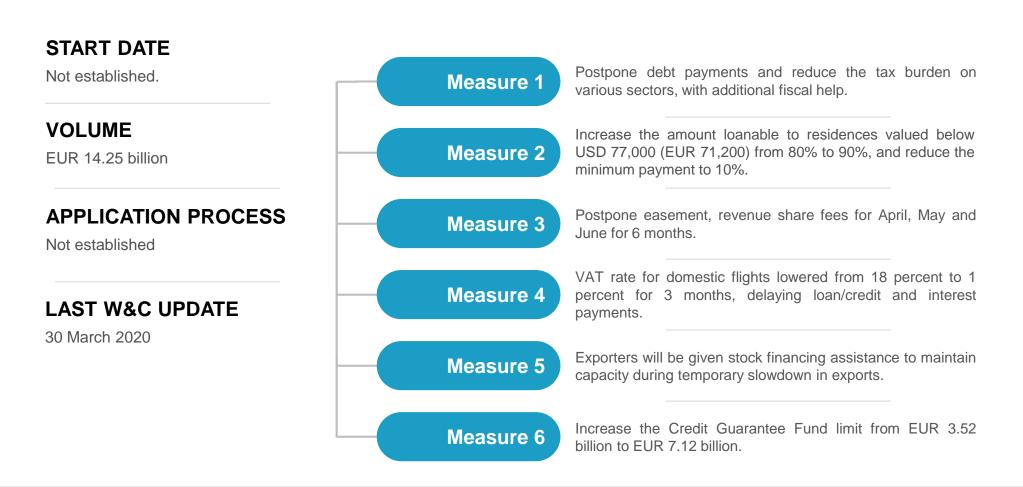
Switzerland



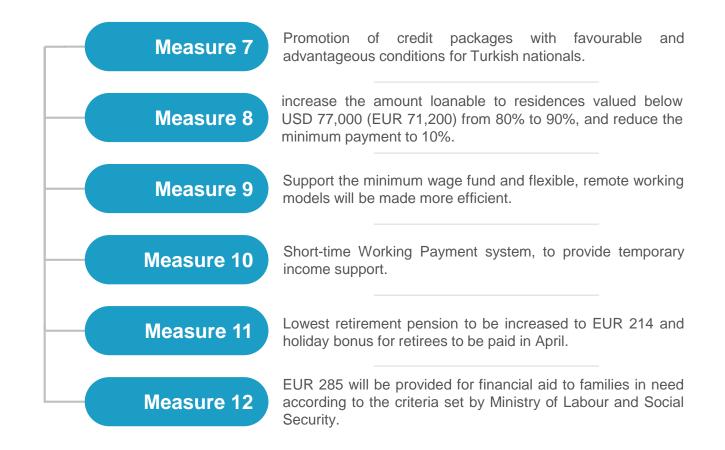
Switzerland







Turkey



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Ukraine



United Kingdom

START DATE

Most measures are already operational.

VOLUME

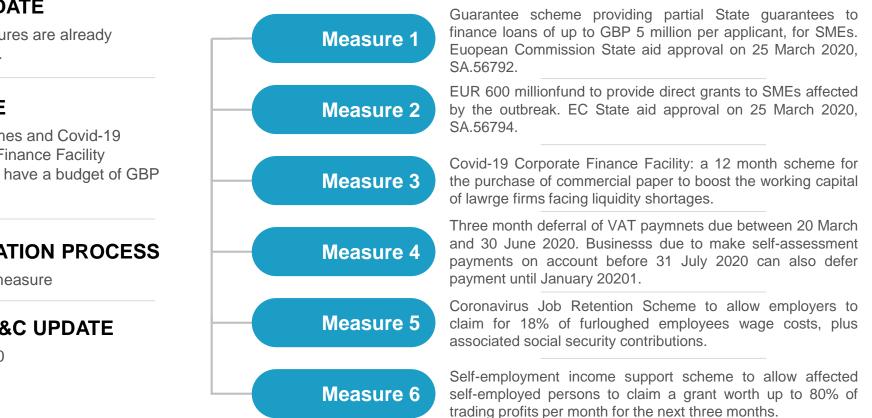
SME schemes and Covid-19 **Corporate Finance Facility** guarantees have a budget of GBP 330 billion

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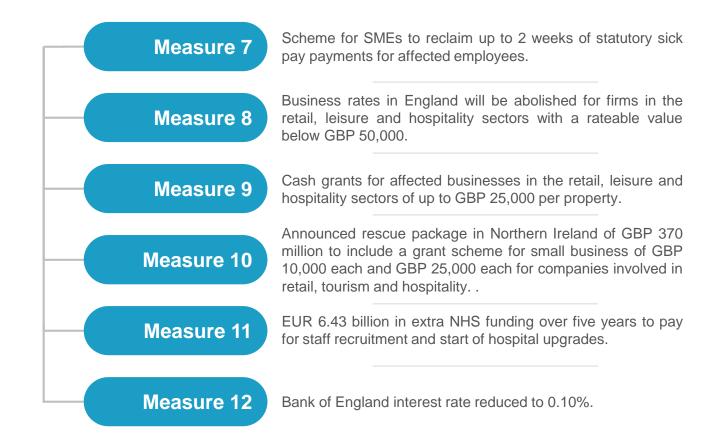
Varies by measure

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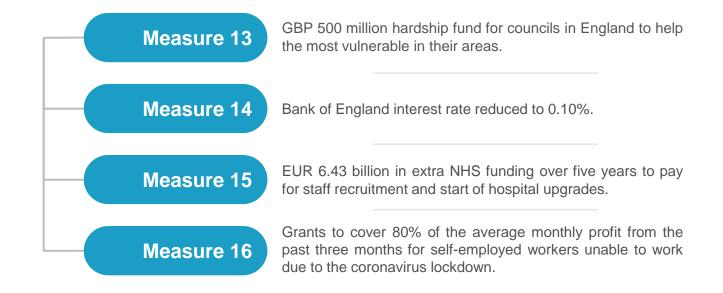
2 April 2020



United Kingdom

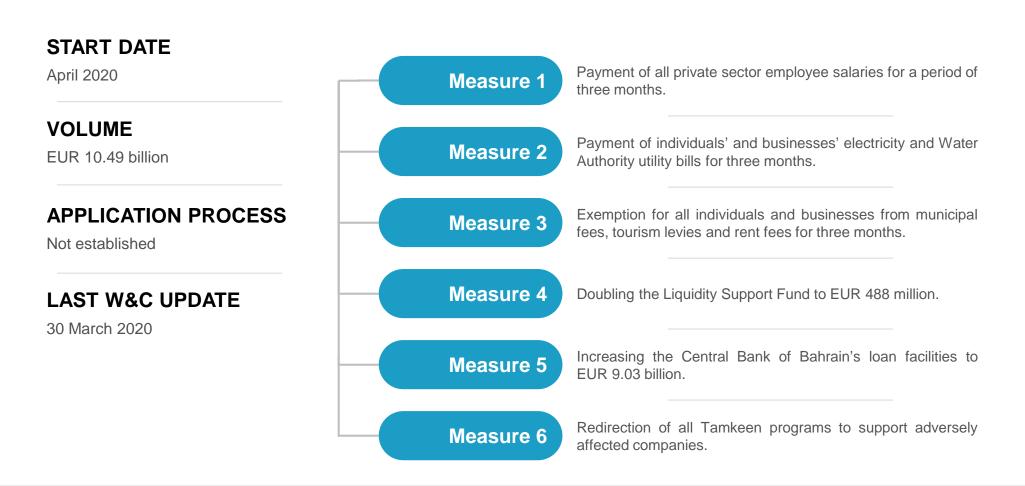


United Kingdom









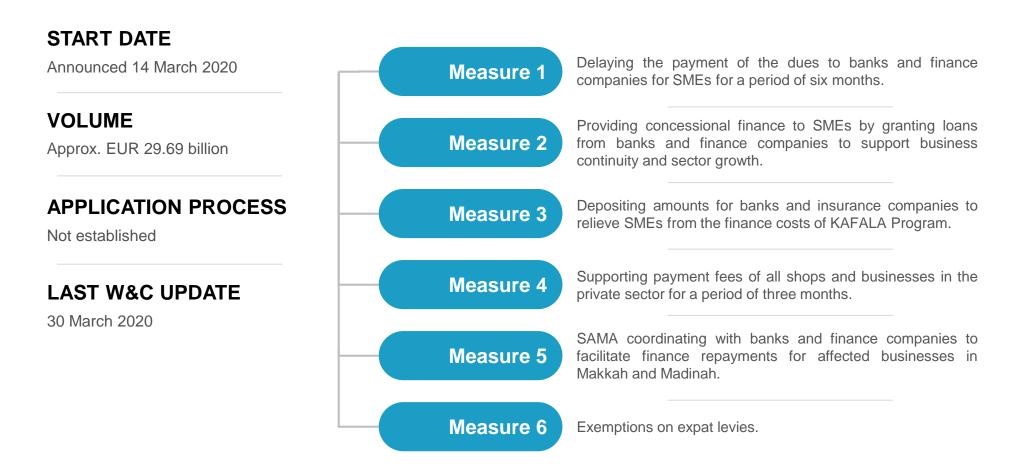








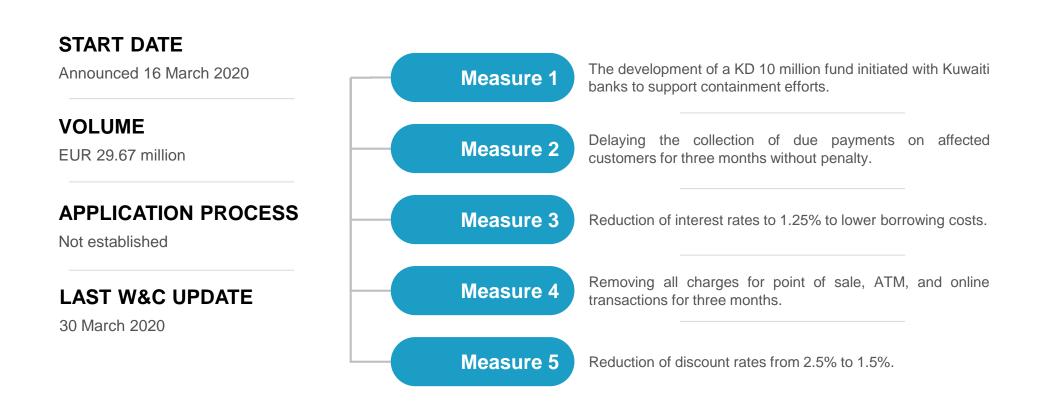
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

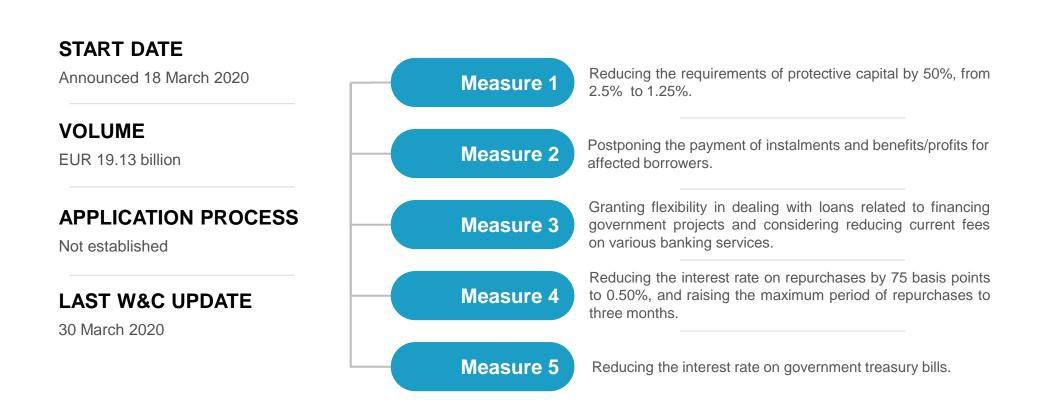


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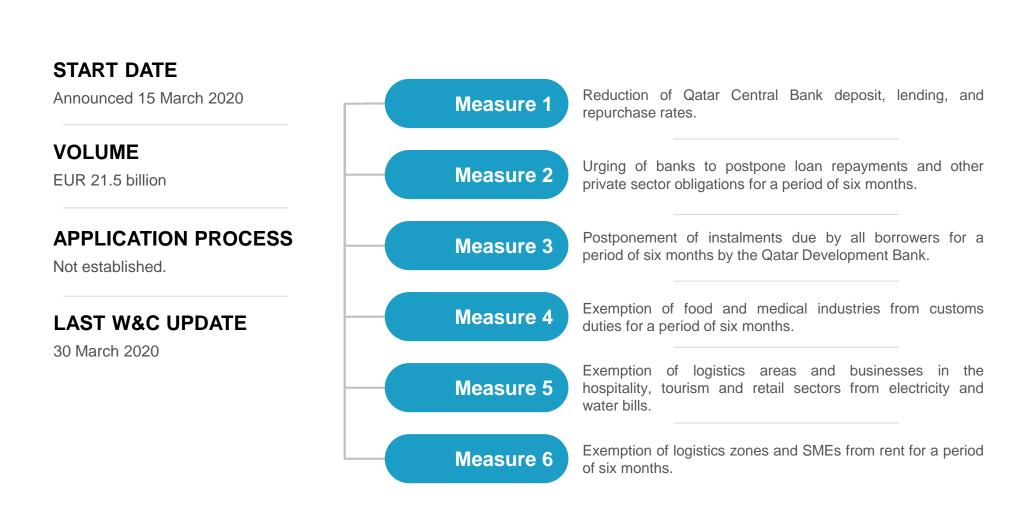






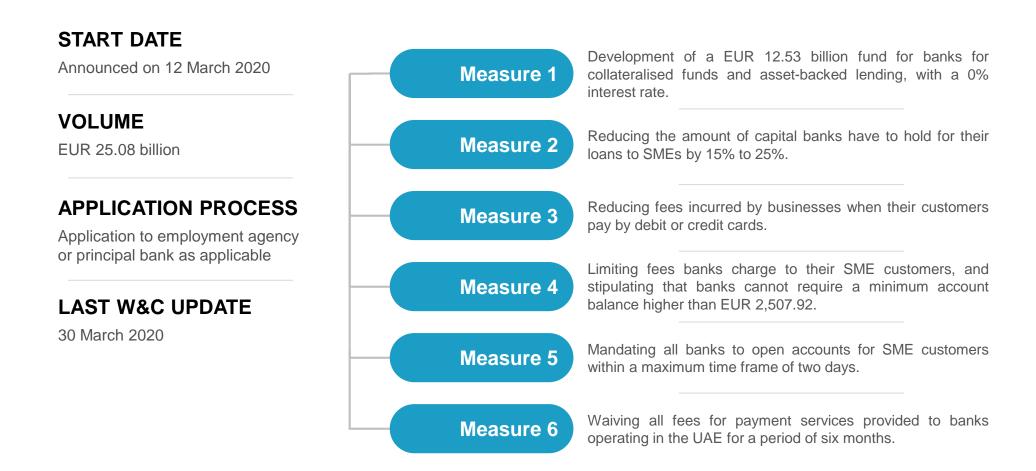


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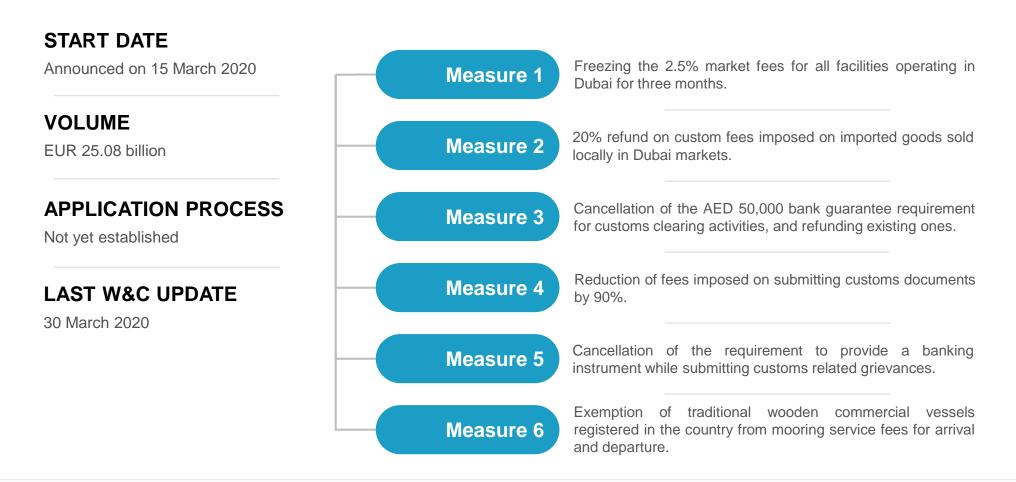


Qatar

United Arab Emirates



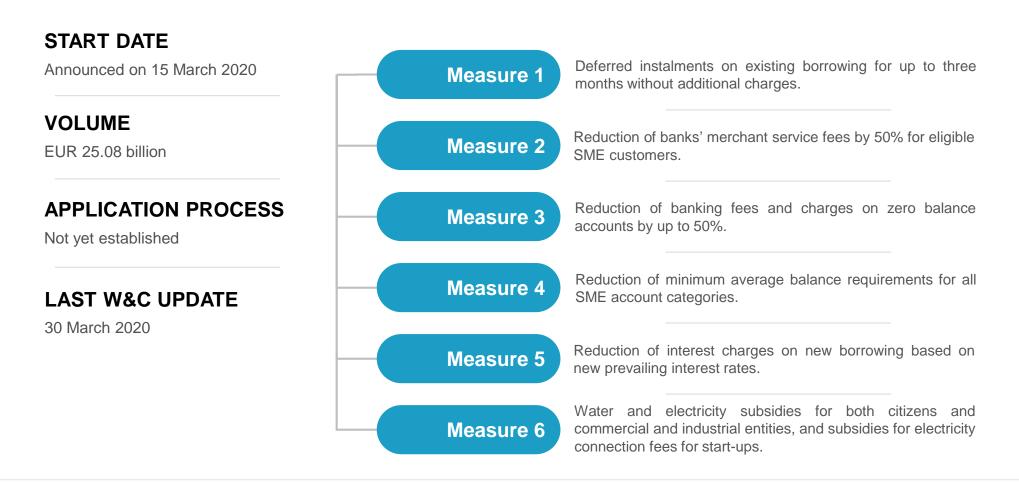
Emirate of Dubai



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Emirate of Abu Dhabi







APPLICATION PROCESS

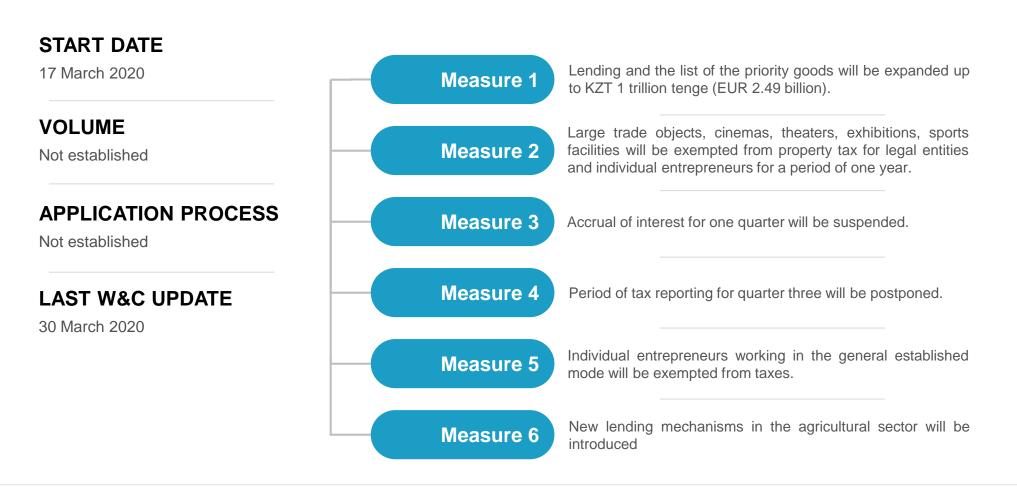
Not established



30 March 2020







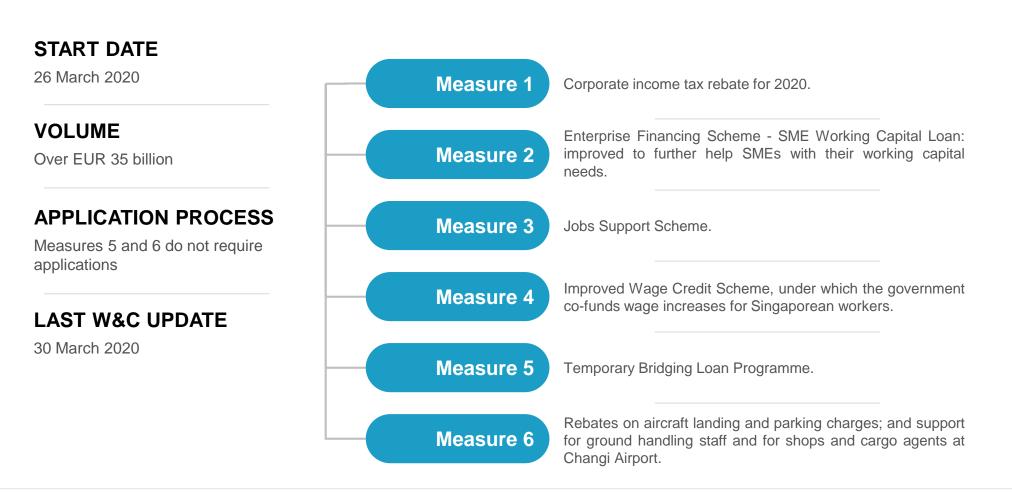
Kazakhstan



Banks will impose fines and penalties for late payments on borrowers affected by the outbreak during the state of emergency.

Implementation of the Employment Roadmap, which provides for the repair of infrastructure, social facilities, and local roads.

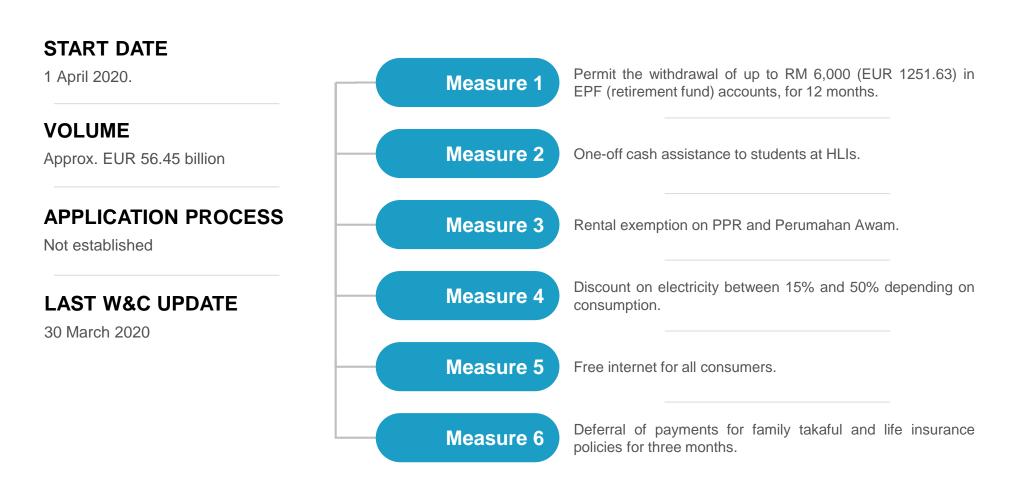




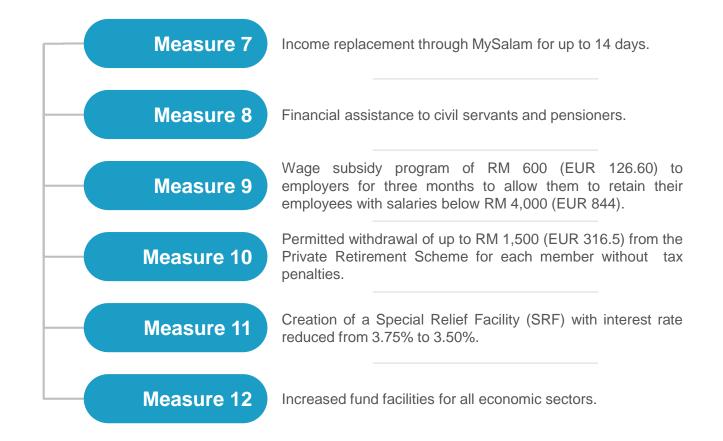








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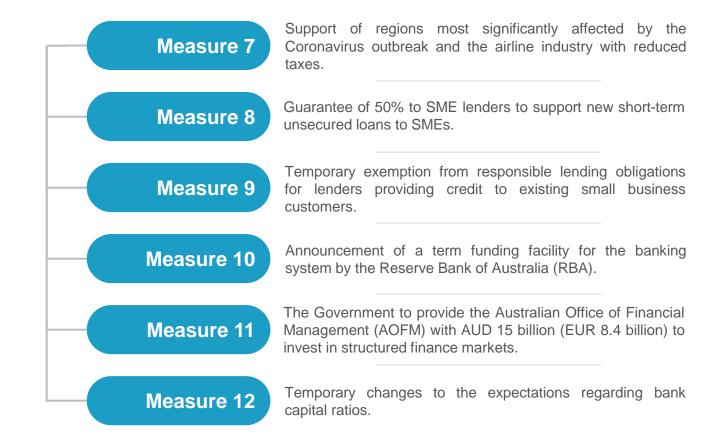
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Coronavirus Resource Center

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