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Country	Parliament	Status	Details	Date	Source
Austria	Nationalrat	<b>Austria Wide Liquidity Scheme – €15 billion</b> –approved by the European Commission.	1)Direct grants, repayable advances and guarantees with a maximum of €800 000 2)State guarantees for loans subject to safeguards for banks to channel State aid to the real economy 3)Subsidised public loans to companies, with favourable interest rates.	09.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Economic Stimulus Measures</b> (loans, moratorium on debt repayments, sectoral support)	<i>Sectoral Support</i> – tourism and air transport. (e.g.) €100 million loans available to hotels that suffer more than 15% losses in sales.	20.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Crisis Management Fund – €4 billion</b> <b>Crisis Management Fund – further €38 billion</b>	<i>Loan Guarantees</i> – for SME’s worth €10 million Measures include: €9 billion in guarantees and warranties; €15 billion in emergency aid; €10 billion in tax deferral.	15.03.2020 18.03.2020	
Belgium	Belgium Senate	<b>State aid: €50 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission. <b>National Measures total – €66 billion</b>	For a loan guarantee scheme. to support. companies €1.5 billion – Employment: Companies can ask the State to pay for a part of employees’ salaries. €1.5 billion: Independent Businesses forced to shut. €4.5 billion: Extension of due date for income tax payments. €4.4 billion (estimated): Business loan repayment scheme €4.1 billion (estimated): Mortgage repayment scheme. €50 billion: Capacity by gov’t for new credit lines.	11.04.2020 6, 20, 22 & 31.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>
Bulgaria	National Assembly	<b>State aid: €255 million</b> – approved by the European Commission. <b>State aid: €770 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Public guarantee scheme to support SMEs.  Bulgarian wage subsidies support scheme for preserving employment in the sectors most affected by the confinement measure <b>1) State pays 60% of wages for employed in affected sectors</b>	19.03.2020 /3.04.2020 15.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>
		Further measures:	<b>2) loans to local business amounting to nearly €1 billion</b>	25.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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			<p>3) <i>delayed payment of corporate taxes</i>  4) <i>€25 million for pensions below poverty line.</i></p>		
Croatia	Sabor	<p><b>State aid: €790 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Employment Support:</b> approx. €800 million  Additional €370 million</p>	<p>Croatian liquidity guarantee scheme for companies with a certain amount of export activities. Employers will be subsidised over 3 months. Allocated to tax refunds.</p>	06.04.2020  05.05.2020	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Cyprus	House of Representatives	<p><b>Support Package: €700 million</b>  Breakdown of Further Measures →</p>	<p>Package for companies and workers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Suspension of the additional contributions to the General Health Scheme for 2 months.</li> <li>2) VAT reduced to 17% from 19% for 2 months.</li> <li>3) Suspension of obligation for companies to submit VAT payments for 2 months.</li> <li>4) Employments to receive unemployment benefits for companies not operating.</li> <li>5) 4 weeks special leave for parents with young children.</li> <li>6) Paid sick leave for those with the virus</li> </ol>	15.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Czech Republic	Czech Parliament	<p><b>Liberation Packages I &amp; II</b> – Tax Measures</p> <p><b>Antivirus Company Support Programme</b></p> <p><b>Employment Support Measures</b></p>	<p>State will not impose fines for late tax submission. Employment Protection Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Compensation of payments to employees in quarantine</li> <li>2) Compensation of payments to employees of businesses subject to the mandatory closure</li> <li>3) Support of reduced working hours</li> <li>4) Support payable to employees taking care of children during the school closure</li> </ol>	11.05.2020  30.03.2020	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Denmark	Folketinget	<p><b>State aid: €5.4 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>State aid: €130 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Relief Packages</b> to support businesses and workers until June – €38 billion</p>	<p>Scheme to compensate companies (approx. €8 million per company).  Guarantee for SMEs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Delayed VAT payments and labour contributions.</li> <li>2) Increased tax account limit.</li> <li>3) Salary guarantees and sick leave payments.</li> </ol>	08.04.2020  21.03.2020 26.03.2020	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>

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		<b>Salaries →</b>	4) Cash flow assistance and loan guarantees. State offers to pay 75% of employees' salaries at a maximum of €3,148 per month.	15.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Estonia	Riigikogu	<b>State aid: €1.75 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Schemes x2 to support economy – focus on companies. - Kredex €1 billion for bank loans - Payments for unemployed (1000 per month) - Rural companies can apply to the Rural Development foundation (guarantees of up to €50 million/loans of up to €100 million/lad capital financing of up to €50 million).	16.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Finland	Eduskunta	<b>State aid: €3 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission. <b>State aid: €2 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Scheme to support companies.  Public guarantee and subsidised loan scheme to support companies: 1) State guarantees on new investment and working capital loans; or 2) Subsidised investment and working capital loans with favourable interest rates.	24.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
				21.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
France	Assemblée Nationale	<b>Emergency Plan: Totals €110 billion</b> Initial Plan - €56 billion →	€8 billion used on health expenses Rest of money to businesses and workers: - €24 billion: State footing wage bill to keep employees on payroll - €7 billion subsidies for SMEs - €16 billion: For deferral and cancellation of taxes - €2 billion: Emergency plan to support start-ups - Hospital & care workers & public officials receive bonuses - Emergency help to low-income families - €3 billion deferral of utility fees	15.04.2020 12, 26.03 & 16.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>
Germany	Bundestag	<b>State Aid:</b> German measures to support economy approved by European Commission.	Includes: Loan programmes for companies  - €100b to recapitalise in companies via ESF	22.03.2020 24.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>

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		<p><b>Immediate fiscal impulse – €346 billion</b> Key areas of funding *billion = b</p> <p><b>Deferrals - €500 billion (tax)</b> <b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures - €932 billion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €55b funds for pandemic control projects, incl. €2.8b for hospitals</li> <li>- €50b in direct grants to businesses</li> <li>- €10b for keeping people employed</li> <li>- €7.7b to expand welfare payments</li> <li>- €5.2b additional spending - health insurance</li> <li>- €3.1b per year between 2021-24 of additional investments into the private sector</li> <li>- €2b to expand VC financing to start-ups</li> <li>- €33.5b in tax measures</li> </ul> <p><i>State-level: €18b grants &amp; subsidies, €34.1b Tax measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €365 billion expansion of existing federal guarantees.</li> <li>- €400 billion under the ESF to provide guarantees.</li> <li>- €100 billion to refinance large KfW loans</li> </ul> <p><i>State level: €63.2 billion expansion of guarantees &amp; €12.7 billion loans and holdings.</i></p>	09, 13, 23, 24 & 27.03.2020	
Greece	Hellenic Parliament	<p><b>State aid: €1.2 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission. <b>Immediate fiscal impulse – €2.1 billion</b></p> <p><b>Deferrals - €3.7 billion</b> <b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures - €1 billion</b></p>	<p>Providing grants for SMEs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €1.4b in financial support for employees</li> <li>- €150 million in support for areas of the primary sector affected by the crisis</li> <li>- €550 million in additional expenditure (health, health workers, covering bonuses)</li> </ul> <p>Financing scheme to provide wholly or partially repayable direct financial support to SMEs.</p>	08.03.2020  30.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>
Hungary	Országgyűlés	<p><b>State aid: €1 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission. <b>State aid: €140 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p>	<p>Scheme to support companies affected.</p> <p>Scheme to support economy.</p>	17.04.2020  08.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>

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Ireland	House of the Oirechats	<b>State aid: €200 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Scheme to support the economy.	31.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Covid-19 Unemployment Payment</b>	A payment of €350 per week – for those who have lost their jobs as a result of Covid-19.	13.03.2020 (increased on 24.03)	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		*Finance Minister, Pascal Donohoe, said <b>Covid-19 measures could cost €3.7b</b> over a 12-week period.		24.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Italy	Senato	<b>State aid: up to €200 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Italian guarantee scheme to support the economy – this aid will be granted by State-owned SACE, through financial institutions.	14.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Immediate Fiscal Impulse - €16 billion</b>	- €2.4b reduced taxes for affected firms. - €10.4 billion for keeping people employed - €3.2 billion additional healthcare funds	17.03.2020 08.04.2020	Ministry of Finance dedicated page: <a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Deferrals - €235.5 billion</b>	Tax deferrals for affected businesses. Deferral for VAT payments for April & May		
		<b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures - €530 billion</b>	Included Measures → New loans Central Guarantee Fund for SMEs (€100 billion) and €200 billion for sustaining exports.		<a href="#">Click here</a>
Latvia	Saeima	<b>State aid: €250 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Subsidised loan scheme and loan guarantee scheme for companies.	23.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Unified legislative draft for support measures. Included measures →</b>	- Companies can extend repayment term for tax payments - Support for SMEs: max €1 million & 3 years for repayment - Compensate workers' wages up to 75% (no more than €700)	19.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Lithuania	Seimas	<b>State aid: €150 million &amp; a further €110 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.	Support economy – granting loans to help businesses and cover working capital.	10.04.2020 08.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>
		<b>Economic Stimulus Package: Total = €5 billion</b>	- Government net borrowing raised from €900 million to €5.4 billion	17.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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Luxembourg	Chamber of Deputies	<p><b>State aid: €300 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Economic Stimulus Measures</b> (summarised essential)</p>	<p>Scheme to support companies.</p> <p>Hotline &amp; website set up with information for employees, employers and businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €2500 for self-employed</li> <li>- €5000 direct aid for micro-businesses</li> <li>- €12500 for businesses paying 10-20 salaries</li> <li>- Loans</li> <li>- Full Health coverage in the event of illness</li> <li>- Easing conditions for repayment of SNCI loans &amp; credits (suspended March-June)</li> <li>- Money to the health industry</li> <li>- Covering salaries for unemployed</li> </ul>	<p>24.03.2020</p> <p>17.03.2020</p> <p>18.03.2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Malta	Parlament Ta' Malta	<p><b>State aid: €5.3 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Economic Measures</b> (package launched. 18. March)</p>	<p>Scheme to support research and development related to Covid outbreak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tax – payment deadlines postponed for employers and self-employed for 2 months (Provisional Tax, VAT, NIC).</li> </ul>	<p>22.04.2020</p> <p>15.03.2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €150 million worth of bank guarantees provided</li> <li>- €750 million to be made available to businesses in form of soft loans</li> <li>- €35 million for health authorities</li> <li>- €350 grant to employers for each employee in mandatory quarantine</li> <li>- Gov't will cover equivalent of 1 days' salary per week</li> <li>- Workers lost jobs entitled to €800 per month</li> <li>- Paid leave for families (€800/per month)</li> </ul>		
Netherlands	Tweede Kamer	<p><b>State aid: €23 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Direct Fiscal Impulse – €12.7 billion</b></p> <p><i>Employment: Wages</i></p> <p><b>Deferrals – €26 billion</b></p> <p><b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures- €5.4 billion</b></p>	<p>Scheme to support economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €10 billion to keep people employed</li> <li>- €1.5-2 billion to provide an income to self-employed (max. €1500)</li> <li>- Reduction of interest of loans</li> <li>- Emergency support for businesses (lump sum of €4000)</li> <li>- Cancelling late payment fees</li> </ul> <p>Gov't covering up to 90% of employees' wages.</p> <p>Estimated tax deferral for 3 months of VAT, income tax, wage tax.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €2 billion for loans with subsidized interest rates to self-employed</li> <li>- €2.2 billion extra credit available for business loans</li> <li>- Additional credit lines available through increased state guarantee</li> </ul>	03.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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Poland	Sejm	<p><b>State aid: €700 million &amp; a further €115 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p>	<p>Loan and guarantee scheme to support economy.</p>	08.04.2020 10.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>

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		<p><b>Economic Stimulus Measures:</b></p>	<p>Program = <b>Anti-Crisis Shield</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Price control tools imposing price and margin ceilings on certain products (fines for those who do not comply)</li> <li>- Temporary reduction in the maximum level of non-interest costs on consumer loans</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial Shield</b> (laws yet to be adopted and approved by parliament) = 100 billion PLN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PLN 25 billion support will go to micro-enterprises</li> <li>- PLN 50 billion support for small and medium enterprises</li> <li>- PLN 25 billion support for large enterprises</li> </ul> <p>Employment benefits.</p>	<p>25.03.2020 08.04.2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Portugal	Assembleia de Republica	<p><b>State aid: €3 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>State aid: €13 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Immediate fiscal impulse - €5.2 billion</b></p> <p><b>Deferrals – 23.3 billion</b></p>	<p>Guarantee schemes for SMEs and midcaps. Further schemes to support economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €3 billion: cover 70% of wages (+ covering training costs for employees)</li> <li>- Transfer per employee €635 (minimum wage)</li> <li>- Transfers for independent workers (income. Drop of 40%)</li> <li>- Transfers for individuals taking care of children (social security)</li> <li>- Automatic extension of unemployment benefits (3 months)</li> <li>- Transfers for those in isolation</li> </ul> <p>Partial deferral of social security contributions (March-May), of VAT for certain companies &amp; workers, of corporate tax.</p> <p>Rent deferral for individuals.</p>	<p>22.03.2020 04.04.2020 13.03.2020– 06.04.2020</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>



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		<b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures - €11.7 billion</b>	<p>Gov't estimate = €20 billion of credit deferral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €7 billion for mortgage deferrals</li> <li>- €13 billion credit deferral for companies</li> <li>- €400 million credit line for SMEs (already spent)</li> <li>- €60 million credit lines for SMEs in tourism sector, €900 million for tourism accom. companies, €200 million for travel agencies</li> <li>- €4.5 billion credit line for textiles and extraction industries</li> </ul>		
Romania	Chamber of Deputies	<p><b>State aid: €3.3 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Economic Stimulus Measures</b></p> <p><b>Employment-related Measures</b></p> <p><b>Deferrals</b></p> <p><b>Tax Measures</b></p>	<p>Scheme to support SMEs – in form of direct grants and state guarantees for investment and working capital loans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raising ceiling for credit guarantees for SMEs by €1 billion (interest in 100% subsidised)</li> <li>- Covering 75% of salary unemployed by Covid</li> <li>- Work-time reduction (5 to 4 days)</li> <li>- Social security – benefits exempt from income tax, days off granted to parents</li> </ul> <p>No import VAT for goods to prevent/combat spread of Covid-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local taxes (building, land, vehicles) deferral March-June</li> <li>- Tax obligations with due date after 21.03 left unpaid do not qualify as unpaid (not subject to payment Interest/penalties)</li> </ul>	11.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
				28.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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Slovakia	Národná	<p><b>State aid: €2 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><i>Employment</i> →</p>	<p>For employment aid scheme to preserve jobs and support self-employed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State will pay 80% of employee's salary</li> <li>- Contributions for the self-employed and employees of affected companies</li> </ul>	21.04.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>
				29.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bank guarantees for business employers (total available: €500 million)</li> <li>- Employees in quarantine/parents at home receive 55% of salary from gov't</li> <li>- Payment of payroll taxes delayed &amp; deadline for paying income tax postponed (for those with 40%+ revenue drop)</li> </ul>		
Slovenia	National Assembly	<p><b>State aid: €2 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Crisis Management - €1 billion</b></p>	<p>“Umbrella” scheme to support the economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-financing temporary lay-offs</li> <li>- Lines of credit at the SID banks, the Slovenian Enterprise Fund and the Slovenian Regional Development Fund</li> <li>- Aid in the field of internationalisation</li> <li>- Aid to companies in difficulty, telework and quarantine cases</li> <li>- A proposal for tax deferral</li> <li>- Measured in the field of tourism promotion</li> </ul>	24.04.2020 10.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>
Spain	El Parlamento	<p><b>State aid</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Immediate fiscal impulse - €13.9 billion</b></p> <p><b>Deferrals – 23.3 billion</b></p>	<p>Two schemes to support the economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €3.8 billion in medical expenditure</li> <li>- €25 million meal allowances for children</li> <li>- €5 billion in additional public spending</li> <li>- IMF estimate €5.1 billion in additional fiscal measures</li> <li>- €17.8 billion: Temporary Employment Adjustment Schemes</li> <li>- Increased sick pay for workers (€1.4 billion) paid by Social Security Budget</li> <li>- Extraordinary allowance for self-employed workers</li> <li>- Assistance Programme for economically vulnerable (up to €900/per month)</li> </ul>	02.04.2020 24.04.2020  17.03.2020  07.05.2020  13.03.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>  <a href="#">Click here</a>

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		<b>Other liquidity &amp; guarantee measures - €11.7 billion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- €14 billion in deferred tax (6 months) for SMEs &amp; self-employed</li> <li>- estimated. €5 billion moratorium on mortgage loans</li> <li>- €100 billion in credit guarantees programmes for companies &amp; the self-employed</li> <li>- €10 billion increase in net borrowing limit of the ICO</li> <li>- €60 million increase in budget of CERSA</li> <li>- Up to €2 billion in guarantees through Spanish Export Insurance Credit Company</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Click here</a>
Sweden	Riksdag	<p><b>State aid: €9.1 billion</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>State aid: €455 million</b> – approved by the European Commission.</p> <p><b>Economic Measures:</b></p>	<p>Guarantee scheme to support economy.</p> <p>Guarantee scheme to support airlines affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sickness benefit (temporarily discontinued)</li> <li>- SEK 39 billion: support businesses with 30% loss of turnover</li> <li>- SEK 5 billion: Temporary discount for fixed rental costs in vulnerable sectors</li> <li>- Wage cost for employee reduced by 70%+ &amp; workers retain 90% of wage</li> <li>- SEK 75 million limits per borrower for SMEs</li> <li>- Almi receives SEK 3 billion capital injection to increase lending to SMEs</li> <li>- SEK 1 billion to culture &amp; sport</li> <li>- SEK 350 million per year: Support of short-term layoffs/short-term work schemes</li> </ul>	02.04.2020 11.04.2020 12.05.2020	<a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a> <a href="#">Click here</a>