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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/1355

of 25 September 2020

granting temporary support under Regulation (EU) 2020/672 to Romania to mitigate unemployment risks in the emergency following the COVID-19 outbreak

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Romania fulfils the conditions set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2020/672.

*Article 2***▼M1**

1. The Union shall make available to Romania a loan amounting to a maximum of EUR 3 000 000 000. The loan shall have a maximum average maturity of 15 years.

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2. The availability period for financial assistance granted by this Decision shall be 18 months starting from the first day after this Decision has taken effect.

3. The Union financial assistance shall be made available by the Commission to Romania in a maximum of eight instalments. An instalment may be disbursed in one or several tranches. The maturities of the tranches under the first instalment may be longer than the maximum average maturity referred to in paragraph 1. In such cases, the maturities of further tranches shall be set so that the maximum average maturity referred to in paragraph 1 is respected once all instalments have been disbursed.

4. The first instalment shall be released subject to the entry into force of the loan agreement provided for in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2020/672.

5. Romania shall pay the cost of the funding of the Union referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2020/672 for each instalment plus any fees, costs and expenses of the Union resulting from any funding related to the loan granted under paragraph 1 of this Article.

6. The Commission shall decide on the size and release of instalments, as well as on the size of the tranches.

▼M1*Article 3*

Romania may finance the following measures:

- (a) the technical unemployment benefit to employees of employers that reduce or temporarily interrupt their activity, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 30/2020’, Article XI, as extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 111/2021’, in turn extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 2/2022’;

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- (b) the benefit applied for persons whose employment contract was suspended, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 92/2020’, Article I;
- (c) the short-time work scheme, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 132/2020’, Article 1, as amended and extended by ‘Law 58/2021’;
- (d) the benefit similar to that referred to in point (a) for categories other than employees, including the self-employed and the liberal professions, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 30/2020’, Article XV, as extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 111/2021’, in turn extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 2/2022’;
- (e) the benefit provided for other categories than employees, including the self-employed and the liberal professions, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 132/2020’, Article 3, as amended and extended by ‘Law 58/2021’;
- (f) the support allowance to daily labourers as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 132/2020’, Article 4 (approved by means of ‘Law 282/2020’), and its subsequent amendments ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 182/2020’, ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 211/2020’ (approved by means of ‘Law 58/2021’), ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 220/2020’, ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 226/2020’, ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 44/2021’, ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 111/2021’, and ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 2/2022’;
- (g) the bonus in respect of additional work for the personnel of the specialty structures of the National Public Health Institute and the county public-health directorates and the public-health directorate of Bucharest, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 11/2020’, Article 8(6), as extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 131/2020’, Article 2 and ‘Law 136/2020’, Article 6;
- (h) the childcare bonus granted to private-sector employees and to employees of the national system of defence, penitentiaries, public-health units and other categories established through ministerial orders, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 30/2020’, Article I(6); as extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 147/2020’, Article 4(3) and ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 110/2021’, Article 7;
- (i) the bonus in respect of particularly dangerous conditions granted in recognition of the merits of medical personnel, as provided for in ‘Law 56/2020’, Article 7, as extended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 116/2021’;
- (j) the sick-leave benefit granted to quarantined persons and persons diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, as provided for in ‘Law 136/2020’, and amended by ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 70/2020’, Article 13;
- (k) the one-time financial support granted to employers in order for employees to carry out teleworking activities, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 132/2020’, Article 6;

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- (l) the bonus of 30 % and 40 % of the basic salary granted to the personnel of the county public-health directorates and of the public-health directorate of Bucharest, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 131/2020’, Article 1(1);
- (m) the granting of a secondment allowance amounting to 50 % and a per diem bonus of 2 % of the basic salary for medical specialists, paramedical and auxiliary personnel in the public system, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 136/2020’, Article 19(3);
- (n) the temporary financing of salary costs related to the opening of 2 000 positions to reinforce the health directorates and the public ambulance services (1 000 in each) in order to counteract the spread of COVID-19, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 254/2020, Sole Article’, ‘Government Decision 840/2020’, Sole Article, ‘Government Decision 383/2021’, Sole Article, ‘Government Decision 1072/2021’ and ‘Government Decision 496/2022’;
- (o) the granting of a bonus of 75 % to 85 % of the basic salary for the specialty medical personnel and auxiliary medical personnel from public-health units or the structures thereof and for the specialty personnel from the paraclinical medical structures directly involved in the transport, equipment, assessment, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 patients, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 1035/2020’, Sole Article, point 3;
- (p) the payment of medical-sanitary personnel and medical registrars who carry out their activity within COVID-19 vaccination centres organised in locations other than those within health units, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 1031/2020’ and ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 3/2021’;
- (q) the payment of medical-sanitary personnel and medical registrars who carry out their activity within COVID-19 vaccination centres organised in health units, as well as the payment of family doctors for the activities provided for those purposes, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 3/2021’ and ‘Government Decision 1031/2020’;
- (r) the purchase of COVID-19 vaccine doses, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 1031/2020’;
- (s) the expenses for the quarantine of people with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, people on the list established by the COVID-19 Surveillance Methodology and medical staff diagnosed with COVID-19 who do not require hospitalisation or staff who interacted with patients and choose to stay away from home, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 201/2020’, ‘Government Decision 1103/2020’ and ‘Ministerial Order 725/2020’;
- (t) the purchase of medication (Remdesivir), as provided for in ‘Government Decision 1092/2020’, ‘Government Decision 380/2021’, ‘Government Decision 1017/2021’ and ‘Government Decision 1190/2021’;
- (u) the purchase of medication (Tocilizumabum), as provided for in ‘Minister of Health Order 487/2020’;

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- (v) the purchase of monoclonal antibody medicine for COVID-19 treatment that contains Casirivimab and Imdevimab, as provided for in ‘Government Decision 1092/2020’, ‘Government Decision 380/2021’, ‘Government Decision 1017/2021’ and ‘Government Decision 1190/2021’;
- (w) meal vouchers for persons who are fully vaccinated in the amount of RON 100, as provided for in ‘Government Ordinance 19/2021’, amending ‘Law 55/2020’;
- (x) the 30 % basic salary increase for the staff of the prefect’s institutions involved in preventing and fighting the effects of COVID-19, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 131/2020’, Article 5;
- (y) the expenditures to cover 200 additional resident doctors needed because of the pandemic, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 186/2020’;
- (z) the purchase of medical products and personal protective equipment for the fight against the pandemic (e.g., protective footwear, gloves, masks, ventilators, stretchers), as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 11/2020’;
- (aa) the purchase of sanitary protection materials for personnel, as provided for in ‘Law 319/2006’, ‘Law 55/2020’, and ‘Minister of Labor and Minister of Health Joint Order 3577/831/2020’;
- (bb) payments to volunteer medicine students who worked for hospitals or healthcare institutions to provide emergency support, as provided for in ‘Government Emergency Ordinance 197/2020’;
- (cc) the purchase of medication for the treatment of COVID-19 infections (ANAKINRA), as provided for in ‘Minister of Health Order 487/2020’;
- (dd) the purchase of medication for the treatment of COVID-19 infections (MOLNUIPIRAVIR), as provided for in ‘Minister of Health Order 487/2020’;
- (ee) the financing of COVID-19 testing at the level of specialised units, as provided for in ‘Law 95/2006, Article 51’, ‘Government Decision 155/2017’ and ‘Minister of Health Order 377/2017’;
- (ff) the financing of COVID-19 testing by family doctors, as provided for in ‘Minister of Health Order 58/4/2022’.

Article 4

1. Romania shall inform the Commission by 30 March 2021, and every six months thereafter, of the implementation of the planned public expenditure until that planned public expenditure has been fully implemented.

2. Where measures referred to in Article 3 are based on planned public expenditure and have been subject to an implementing decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1355, Romania shall inform the Commission within six months of the date of adoption of that amending implementing decision, and every six months thereafter, of the implementation of the planned public expenditure until that planned public expenditure has been fully implemented.

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Article 5

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its notification to the addressee.

Article 6

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.