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NATIONAL MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19

Country	Measures		
	Liquidity - Guarantee schemes	Capital (K)	Other
Denmark	<p>Guarantee scheme for new credit extended to SMEs: For SMEs experiencing a corona-related drop in turnover of at least 50 %, the state is introducing a guarantee scheme for new loans with a 70/30-split at subsidized rates (yet to be determined).</p> <p>A similar scheme for larger corporations is also introduced, but at market rates, and this scheme is capped at 2.7 bn DKK (0.36 bn EUR).</p> <p>Firms' liquidity is also supported through extension of VAT and other tax payments.</p>	<p>Countercyclical buffer has been fully released immediately (was at 1.0 % and set to rise to 2.0 percent by end of December)</p>	<p>Government has also agreed to salary compensation paid (40%) directly to companies. Banks are providing liquidity until the scheme is up and running.</p>
Finland	<p>To ease payment and cash-flow problems caused by the corona pandemic, the Bank of Finland (BoF) yesterday made a decision to invest €500 million in commercial papers. The Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority (FIN-</p>		

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	FSA) confirmed the European Central Bank's (ECB) decision to grant banks temporary relief on certain additional capital and liquidity requirements. The Finnish Government is also preparing measures that aim to ease the stress especially for the SME and service sectors.		
France	<p>In order to support companies whose turnover is collapsing, banks will delay by 6 months credit repayments, without additional costs.</p> <p>They will set-up fast-track procedures to respond to credit requests for difficult cash flow situations (the response should be given in maximum 5 days, with specific attention given to crisis situations).</p> <p>The French Public Investment Bank – Banque Publique d'Investissement (also one of our members) will support banks with a guarantee of 90% on companies bank overdraft lines of a length of 12 to 18 months and on loans from 3 to 7 years. This bank will also offer direct loans of 3 to 5 years of several million euros with no guarantee and a grace period to small and medium size enterprises.</p>		
Germany	Loans and guarantees for companies via their house banks from the federal development bank KfW (federal guarantee fund of 460 billion Euro); https://www.kfw.de/KfW-Group/Newsroom/Latest-News/News-Details_573056.html		<p>Tax measures as the delay of tax payments for companies;</p> <p>https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/Finanzpolitik/2020/03/2020-03-13-download-en.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2</p>

			Support of short-time employees by the employment agencies. https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/kabinett-kurzarbeitergeld-1729898
Italy	Increasing and prolonging the already in place mechanism of state-backed guarantees against certain credit lines to businesses. http://www.governo.it/it/articolo/comunicato-stampa-del-consiglio-dei-ministri-n-37/14324		
Luxembourg	A legislative proposal to the Parliament to allow it to help struggling companies (SMEs are the target) with a financial help of up to 200 000 euros that will at least in part need to be reimbursed later on when the company is in better shape again. The bill is to go through Parliament as swiftly as possible. In addition the government has requested the Commission to allow it to ramp up this sum to 500 000 euros if need be.		
Netherlands	Extension of state-backed guarantees to 75% of the credit to SMEs, of which the government guarantees 90%. Applies to loans with a maximum duration of two years		
Norway	The Norwegian government has put in place a state guarantee for bank credit to SME that experience losses due to the current situation. The details are being discussed.	In addition to the lowering of the counter cyclical buffer with 1,5 percentage points (to 1,0%),	Measures to secure the functioning of the market for business bond market is also being developed.

Poland	<p>Declaration from public side to put at ease some of the supervisory, prudential and accounting rules to deal with raise of NPLs number. Expected legislative proposal from the government this week, Monetary Policy Council declared to lower the rates soon. Polish development bank is expecting to issue new guarantees schemes</p>		
Sweden	<p><i>Central Bank</i></p> <p>“To avoid robust companies being knocked out as a result of the spread of the coronavirus, the Executive Board of the Riksbank has today decided to lend up to SEK 500 billion to companies via the banks.”</p> <p>https://www.riksbank.se/en-gb/press-and-published/notices-and-press-releases/press-releases/2020/riksbank-lends-up-to-sek-500-billion-to--safeguard-credit-supply/</p>	<p><i>FSA</i></p> <p>“Finansinspektionen proposes that the [countercyclical] buffer rate be lowered by 2.5 percentage points and set at 0 per cent.”</p> <p>https://www.finansinspektionen.se/en/published/news/2020/proposed-amendment-to-regulations-due-to-reduction-in-countercyclical-buffer-rate/</p>	<p><i>Government</i></p> <p>“The crisis package now presented can – depending on how the situation develops – encompass more than SEK 300 billion if the entire liquidity reinforcement through tax accounts is used.”</p> <p>https://www.government.se/press-releases/2020/03/crisis-package-for-swedish-businesses-and-jobs/</p>
United Kingdom	<p>The Budget announced a three point plan to provide support for public services, individuals and businesses. [...] the government is taking £30 billion of policy action in 2020-21, equivalent to approximately 1.3% of GDP. [...] The government also welcomed the statement by UK Finance on behalf of the sector which announced that banks, building societies and credit card providers are ready and able to offer support to consumers, including offering or increasing an overdraft or allowing repayment relief for loan or</p>		<p>Flexibility in application of statutory sick pay and enhanced support for those eligible for sick pay</p> <p>Hardship Fund – The government will provide Local Authorities in England with £500 million of new grant funding to support economically vulnerable people and households in their local area.</p>

	<p>mortgage repayments. Banks and other providers of SME finance will also provide support for businesses that are facing cash flow disruption and stand ready to help when needed.</p> <p>Business' rates relief by increasing the Business Rates retail discount from 50% to 100%.</p> <p>Small business grant funding - £2.2 billion</p> <p>Time to pay - a measure intended to support business and self-employed individuals with outstanding tax liabilities</p> <p>Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme – government-backed guarantee scheme for SMEs loans.</p>		<p>Support for SMEs and employers incurred with extra costs related to Covid-19 sick pay.</p>
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