

SEF / Slovenia

The **total outstanding guarantee volume** reaches **mEUR 308**

2,310 supported SMEs (+13,2% in portfolio end of Q3 2020)

The **average guarantee size** slightly decreases to **kEUR 100.2** (but remains at a high level)

In order to help micro, small and medium sized enterprises to mitigate the effects of the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, the **Slovene Enterprise Fund (SEF)** has put in place the following measures:

- (i) Guarantees for bank loans with subsidised interest rate. Under the **P1 plus 2020 programme**, a credit which is secured by **SEF's** guarantee is more favourable for enterprises due to lower collateral requirements, lower interest rates, maturity of the credit and the possibility of granting grace period for repayment of the credit. Moreover, there are no extra costs for the approval of the guarantee. Enterprises that obtain a credit within this product at one of the participating banks, have the possibility to obtaining a guarantee in the framework of the three credit - guarantee lines, which include:
 - the possibility to secure classic projects
 - the possibility to secure technologically innovative projects
 - the possibility got secure trade activities

Further, thanks to **P1 plus 2020 programme**, **SEF** improved the maturity of guarantees in line with the Emergency Deferral of Borrowers' Liabilities Act.

- (ii) Microcredits for problematic regions (**P7R 2020**). The product allows easy and fast access to liquidity for enterprises located in certain regions such as border areas or regions with high unemployment rate. This type of financing enables enterprises to get access to finance for investments in current or future operations. These microcredits are offered on favourable terms, among which are lower collateral requirements, maturity of the credit, grace period for repayment of the credit as well as fast track procedure for accessing the credit.
- (iii) Liquidity credit (**P7C**) for SMEs, self-employed entrepreneurs and cooperatives. These credits cover liquidity needs of the most vulnerable entrepreneurs.

(iv) Microcredits for micro, small and medium size enterprises (**P7-2 2020 COVID**). The product enables easy financing of investments in current or future operations and is addressing additional requirements of enterprises that arise from the Covid crisis. These microcredits are offered on favourable terms, among which are lower collateral requirements, maturity of the credit and grace period for repayment of the credit.

Further, **SEF** has also adjusted the financing conditions for the existing financial instruments. For instance, **SEF** has granted a moratorium for 12 months and prolonged the due date of guarantees for all microcredits granted by commercial banks that has already been covered with **SEF**'s guarantee.

Apart from the above-mentioned measures, **SEF** has also implemented the following interventions to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 under the Temporary Framework for State aid measures (TF):

- a. Aid in the form of direct grants (co-financed from the European Regional Development Fund).

The purpose of this intervention is to compensate for working capital related costs of SMEs and to stimulate investments in SMEs, which have been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. This measure is meant to help the affected SMEs to re-establish, preserve or adapt and transform their business as well as to support the functioning or liquidity of enterprises. Priority is given to sectors most affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

- b. Loans with zero interest rate. The purpose of this measure is to support the working capital and investments by SMEs. The loans are granted starting from kEUR 5 to kEUR 50 limited to up to five years and the possible moratorium up to six months. There is work in progress to rise the amount of loans up to kEUR 100.

More information on **SEF** measures can be found under the following link:

<https://podjetniskisklad.si/en>

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