

CESGAR / Spain

Spanish guarantee system



CESGAR - the Spanish national umbrella organisation of 18 Mutual Guarantee Societies in collaboration with their Regional Governments have implemented various urgent measures in order to help SMEs to mitigate the negative effects of the COVID-19 crisis. **CESGAR's** actions include, but are not limited to:

- Set-up of a dedicated programme to fight the COVID-19 crisis
- Increase of the guarantee capacity
- Increase of the maximum guarantee volumes per beneficiary
- Increase in the coverage rate
- Another action refers to the extension of the maximum duration of revolving credit lines that is now capped at 3 years for InnovFin programme and 5 years for COSME programme.

In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism increased the funding of CERSA allowing the Spanish public counter-guarantor to increase its counter-guarantee capacity by mEUR 60. This bold action permitted not only to raise the number of SMEs beneficiary but also to allow **Mutual Guarantee Societies** to assume greater risks towards SMEs.

Following this governmental decision, the Spanish **Mutual Guarantee Societies**, all associated to **CESGAR**, have received a guarantee of 75-80% (depending on the operation) from CERSA for all operations under the **COVID-19 Counter-Guarantee CERSA programme**. Thanks to this measure, **CESGAR's members** are granting 100% guarantees, offering to SMEs sufficient liquidity to face the financial shortage generated by the COVID-19 crisis. Thus, the **Mutual Guarantee Societies** have been an oxygen balloon for many SMEs and self-employed affected by the crisis.

The COVID-19 Counter-Guarantee CERSA programme is in place as of April 2020 and has a total funding of EUR 2 million. The capped 100% guarantees issued under the Temporary Framework for a maximum amount of mEUR 1.35 are granted for working capital loans and channelled directly to SMEs. The guarantee period varies between 2 and 5 years and can reach, in some cases, 10 years.

Since the beginning of the programme, **CESGAR** has a total value sanctioned of about bEUR 2.4 and around 33,354 guarantee beneficiaries.

More information on **CESGAR's** measures can be found under this link (in Spanish): <http://www.cesgar.es/>

Latest update: 2nd February 2021

Total volume of newly granted guarantees in portfolio per 30/06/2020

bEUR 2.7 indicating a **growth rate** over the previous semester by **140.8 %**

154,054 supported SMEs in portfolio (as of end-2020)

New production (in units) in H1 2020 is **21,886**

Evolution of the outstanding guarantee volume (in bEUR)

