



Fact Sheet COVID-19

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Belarus	Inbound: Persons arriving from COVID-19 infected countries, must go to 14 days self-isolation and cannot leave Belarus before the expiration of the self-isolation period. Exceptions for transit and certain groups of persons apply.	No restrictions	Authorities may grant extensions for payments of taxes, state duties and rental payments to the state due in the 2nd and 3rd quarter 2020. Payments must be fully made in the 4th quarter. Term for tax refunds shortened to 10 working days. Local authorities may temporarily lower local taxes. Increased monitoring of prices/ unfair competition.
Bulgaria	Inbound: By May 13th Bulgarian citizens, residents and their family members are allowed in the country but will be placed under quarantine for 14 days. Home-bound citizens/residents for restricted EEA-countries are allowed to travel transit. Outbound: No restrictions.	By May 13th visits to culture, food-serving and party locations as well as shopping malls (except for bank and insurance offices, drug stores and supermarkets placed there) are forbidden. Movement of people outside their homes and within the country limited. Food stores open only for people aged 60 or more until 10.30 in the morning.	Deadline for corporate tax return 2019 prolonged till June 30th. Employers can force employees take yearly paid leave. Debt enforcement, statutory periods of limitation and interest-rate accumulation on defaulting debts frozen between March 13th and May 13th. Government subsidies of 60% of wages and social contributions.
Czech Republic	Restrictions on travel to or from the Czech Republic are still in force but work for travel or other purposes further relaxed effective April 27. Travelers need to comply with several conditions depending on purpose and length of travel. 14 days quarantine may now be replaced by proof of negative test for COVID-19. For full info refer to the Ministry of Interior Affairs .	Closure of restaurants, hotels and limited number of services is planned to last till May 25th. Most shops are now opened.	Many types of support incl. tax reliefs, program for refunding of wages to employers, direct financial support to entrepreneurs or small businesses, loan security or interest free loans by state, export financing, moratorium on loan repayments or suspension of rents. For further info refer to the Czech Government website .
Estonia	Inbound: citizens, permanent residents and foreigners whose family members reside in Estonia; persons who provide health care or other emergency services; maintenance of equipment of an enterprise, or repair, warranty or IT work. Access of cargo crew. Exceptional access permits provided. Outbound: Flying banned to UK, Sweden, Belgium, Denmark, Turkey, Belarus and Russia.	All stores, museums open, must limit the number of customers (2+2). Restaurants closed at 10 pm, only take-away after that time. Until 31 May 2020, indoor sports prohibited, unless the organizer ensures compliance with rules. Public gatherings allowed: 2+2 rule; the meeting organizer ensures up to 50% occupancy indoors and up to 10 participants; from 1 June up to 50 people; and from 1 July up to 500 participants; number of participants for outdoor event up to 100 people and from 1 July up to 1000 people.	Subject to applicability: State loans and additional state securities for old and new loans. Employee protection: up to 70% of wages for employees, who are not dismissed in absence of work (paid for max two months). General measures: No interests on tax debts during state of emergency. State paid social tax prepayments for sole proprietors (1st quarter 2020).
Hungary	Inbound: Foreigners cannot enter to Hungary except from Slovakia, Czechia, and Poland from which countries a negative test and certification for hotel booking is required. Hungarians can only enter with 10 days quarantine obligation but can be released from quarantine after 2 negative tests. Certain exceptions for transport of goods and transit passenger traffic, commuters, business travellers, etc. Outbound: No restrictions	State of emergency is over. No limitations on opening hours. Masks are obligatory in closed public spaces.	Moratorium on loan repayments for 2020. Tax relief for businesses and households. No tourism tax until the end of 2020. Lower tax rate for employers on benefit-in-kind SZÉP voucher card, while higher limit for top-ups. Flexible options for employments (home office, working schedules). State aid for employments in reduced working time, working time frames up to 2 years. Special rules on on-line shareholder's meeting, authentication of corporate declarations. Additional powers to management. One-time progressive tax on banking sector and retail industry based on yearly net income. Financial report publication deadline and tax returns filing is pushed to September 30. National security screening introduced for foreign investors.

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Lithuania	Inbound: People arriving from EEA countries where more than 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants have been reported in the past 14 days must isolate themselves for 14 days, additionally a COVID19 test not older than 72 hours is required. Entry for foreigners from third countries (with exceptions) only after permission by the competent Lithuanian authorities. Outbound: no restrictions.	Shops and restaurants can open, but have to follow certain operating guidelines.	Introduction of a short-time working regime. Extension of state benefits for certain employees. Postponement of tax deadlines, possibility of tax loans and temporary suspension of the enforcement of tax arrears.
Poland	Borders reopened.	Services and establishments reopened.	Support includes in particular financing of employees' salaries, exemption from social security contributions, deferrals of loans in banks, state aid and guarantees for obtaining new financing and other subventions.
Romania	Inbound: home isolation/quarantine for all persons coming into the country, except for asymptomatic persons coming from: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Switzerland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary. Outbound: No restriction.	Restaurants, coffee shops and bars may carry out their activity indoor for takeaway. Terraces are opened but are subject to some social distancing limitations. Closure of certain indoor entertainment establishments, schools and universities.	Allowances for employees (up to 75% of the average gross salary): in case of suspension of employment contracts. Employers who resume their activity benefit from a settlement of 41.5% (up to 41.5% of the average gross salary) of the salary of employees who have had their employment contracts suspended.
Slovakia	Inbound: Only Slovaks and foreigners with a valid residence permit. Special rules for foreigners living within 30 km of the border in the neighboring country and working within 30 km of the border in the Slovak Republic. There is also a possibility to request an exemption from those rules. Inbounders can use a smart quarantine, which is an alternative to the state one. Outbound: Slovaks may travel to Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Germany and Swiss Confederation without submission a negative test for COVID-19 on return and without quarantine.	The most retails and services are open again in compliance with strict measures. Public gatherings are prohibited.	Subsidy to the employers who had to shut down their business - the employer pays wage compensation to the employees what is fully reimbursed by the state (up to EUR 1100,-/month). Employers' subsidy for job retention: a) the employer pays 80% of the employee's average salary what is fully reimbursed by the state (max. EUR 880,-/employee); or b) subsidy due to decline in turnover (180/300/420/540,-/employee). An application for the subsidy is required. Social assistance package for employees.

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