



## Client Information

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### Support for entrepreneurs by ČMZRB – COVID II

In response to the situation caused by the corona virus, the Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank (ČMZRB) and the Ministry of Industry and Trade have prepared further support for entrepreneurs in the form of the COVID II guarantee program.

Commercial banks are involved in the program, which issue business loans. ČMZRB grants guarantees for commercial loans and a financial contribution to the payment of interest on these loans, provided that the applicants meet the conditions of the COVID II program.

#### What support is available?

ČMZRB grants guarantees up to a loan amount of CZK 15 million resp. up to a maximum of 80% of the loan amount for a maximum of 3 years.

A financial contribution to the payment of interest is provided for the guaranteed loan, depending on the loan amount, of up to CZK 1 million.

#### Who is eligible?

COVID II is aimed at **small and medium-sized enterprises and sole traders** (companies with fewer than 250 employees and an annual turnover of up to EUR 50 million or an annual

balance sheet total of up to EUR 43 million).

The program is funded by the European Fund of the Enterprise and Innovation Operational Program for Competitiveness and therefore **cannot be used** for financing related to **doing business in Prague**.

Support is **limited to certain industries**, including forestry, some manufacturing and construction, accommodation, hospitality, wholesale and retail (excluding motor vehicles).

Loans must be directly related to bridging the economic crisis caused by the spread of the corona virus.

#### Which loans are supported?

The support is only granted for **commercial loans that are used to finance ongoing operating costs** such as wages, rents, energy, materials, supplies, etc. after signing the contract.

It is not possible to use the loan to repay another loan or to purchase (or lease) machines.

#### How to apply?

We recommend that you contact your bank to apply for a loan and, in parallel, apply for support via the ČMZRB online portal.

Further details on COVID II can be found on the ČMZRБ website at

<https://www.cmzrb.cz/podnikatele/zaruky/zaruka-covid-ii/>

**Applications to the ČMZRБ can be submitted from April 2, 2020**

The current list of commercial banks participating in this program has not yet been published. However, it can be assumed that most banks will participate.

**We will be happy to help you with the application, please just contact us.**

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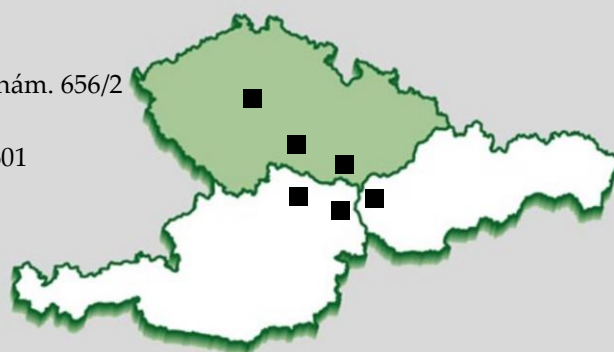
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