

### Information for clients

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# COVID-19: Support programmes COVID - 2021 and COVID - Uncovered Costs

The Ministry of Industry and Trade has published two new support programmes "COVID - 2021" and "COVID - Uncovered Costs", for which CZK 6 billion each has been earmarked. The programmes aim to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 on particularly affected companies and to provide them with financial support and improve their liquidity.

**Only one of the two programmes** can be used at a time.

#### **COVID - 2021**

Businesses whose turnover has decreased by at least 50% in the period January - March 2021 compared to the same period in 2019 or 2020 are eligible to apply.

The support is provided in the form of a **contribution to operating costs** resp. costs of maintaining operations for the months of **February and March 2021**, if subsidies are not already received for these costs from other programmes.

The subsidy amounts to **CZK 500** per employee multiplied by the number of days in the period from 11 January 2021 to 31 March 2021. If the enterprise had less than three employees (but at

least one) on 11 January, the grant amounts to CZK 1,500 per day.

**Applications** can be submitted online via the MPO portal **from 12 April** until 31 May 2021.

More information can be found (in Czech only) at <a href="https://www.mpo.cz/covid-2021">www.mpo.cz/covid-2021</a>



#### **COVID** - Uncovered costs

Businesses whose turnover in January-March 2021 has decreased by at least 50% compared to the same period in 2019 or 2020 and which report a loss (reduced by defined subsidies) for the first quarter of 2021 are eligible to apply.

The Ministry has published detailed information on how the calculation of the loss has to be carried out. For example, all closing entries must be made and only tax-deductible expenses may be taken into account. If the loss for the first quarter of 2021 calculated in this way and reduced by defined subsidies is more than CZK 5 million, the loss must additionally be confirmed by an auditor.

The subsidy amounts to **60% of the loss** (reduced by defined subsidies), but not more than CZK 40 million.

**Applications** can be submitted online via the MPO portal **from 19 April, 09:00**, until 19 July 2021.

More information can be found (in Czech only) at <a href="https://www.mpo.cz/naklady">www.mpo.cz/naklady</a>

We will be happy to help you with the application resp. the preparation of the necessary documents.

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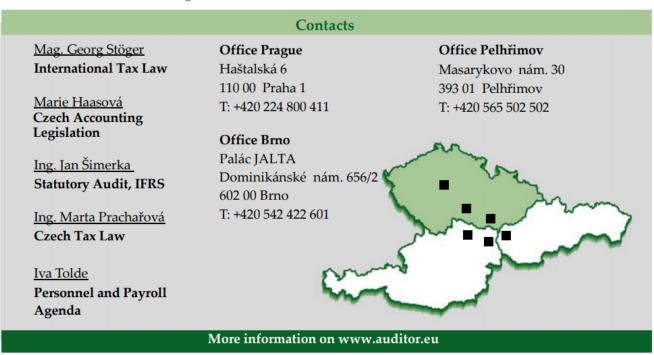
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