

23.04.2020 NALAS COVID-19 Weekly Update

Background

As of February 2020, the Corona virus (COVID--19) has become a global threat and South-East Europe was no exception. As the number of infected and deceased was growing, governments were introducing various prevention and combating measures. This Weekly Update summarises the situation with COVID-19 in the NALAS Region, the official measures taken and the actions by NALAS member LGAs, aiming to facilitate information exchange within the Network and beyond and have coordinated approach in crisis management.

Summary of the situation at 23 April 2020, 13 LGAs and NALAS Secretariat

Situation and official government measures

- Number of infected and deceased persons is growing; however, the pandemic curve is steady and without dramatic rises that can endanger the health systems
- State of emergency everywhere, except Turkey and Montenegro; natural disaster in Albania, public health emergency in Kosovo
- Schools closed; distance learning introduced
- Curfews and limitations of movement in all countries, with a few examples of eased restrictions over the past week: curfew hours shortened in Albania. In N. Macedonia curfew hours shortened and the ban on movement is completely removed for people with disabilities. In Slovenia, citizens are now allowed to do recreational sports inside the municipalities
- Most of the borders still closed, flights cut off, entry restrictions
- Mass gatherings prohibited
- Work from home recommended
- Various sets of economy measures introduced in all economies to support recovery
- Introducing mobile applications for tracing exposure with potentially infected persons with Covid-19 (N. Macedonia).

LGAs' actions

- Almost all offices closed, work from home. SOS Slovenia has opened their office
- Online meetings, remote work

- Activities adjusted to the new conditions
- LGAs and their bodies are active in information provision and exchange
- Support to members in dealing with the crisis
- Providing recommendations for dealing with Covid-19
- Providing legal advice on the new Government's orders related to Covid-19
- Preparing proposals of measures to support economy in dealing with Covid-19 crisis
- Support to municipalities in developing project proposals
- Liaising with national institutions to address LGs' interests
- Approaching donors and partners to mobilise support to LGs
- Organising webinars and online courses
- Serving as a resource to media on the local perspective in preventing and combating Covid-19

LGA	Situation with Covid-19	Key Government measures	Situation in the LGA	Key LGA's activities in the past week related to Covid-19
SOS, Slovenia	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ 1069 active 79 deceased 205 recovered	-State of emergency -Schools and kindergartens closed until further notice -Limitations of movement: Ordinance on temporary general prohibition of movement and public gathering in public places and areas and prohibition of movement outside the municipality of permanent or temporary residence. Ordinance is available from 30 March until further notice. -From 20th of April onwards is available to do sport and recreation inside of	--Office open; accountant works in the office, other employees occasionally -Work from home still for majority of employees from 16 March until further notice	Use of digital tools and apps (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Fb closed group) -Online daily meetings with co-workers and partners -Extraordinary meetings of board and its presence in governmental working group for measures on intervention act -Very intensive collaboration with mayors and employees from municipalities (calls) -Postponed sessions, project activities -Collecting measures taken by the municipalities at the time of pandemic (they will be presented on our website)

municipality; there is still prohibition for team sports (exception: golf, bowls and tennis players.)

-Borders closed (with some exceptions)

-Ministry of health advised against travelling abroad

-Key economy measures:

-Work interruption of most business until further notice.

Exceptions:

1. Grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, post offices, petrol stations and others (e.g. food delivery restaurants)

2. From 20th of April onwards are open:

**stores of construction supplies, technical goods and furniture.*

**vulcanizer operations, picker services, maintenance and repair services for motor vehicles and bicycles*

**vehicle sale*

**dry cleaning shops for technical goods*

3. It is foreseen that from 4th of May onwards: hairdressing services, beauty and animal care salons, stores up to 400 square feet of retail space (not in shopping centres) would be open.

There are 2 intervention acts (2nd is in draft)

Measures from 1st act are valid from 13th of March to 31st of May 2020, unless otherwise provided by this law.

-Preparing webinars with different topics:

*Organisation of online seminars (webinars);

*Discussions on the new Ordinance (questions that have been raised by citizens and municipalities);

*Technical and information support for the use of digital tools for municipalities.

*Digital operation/business.

* Implementation of provisions of the intervention act in the field of pre-school education

In total there is more than 1300 webinar visitors.

-Preparation of FAQ regarding to the Ordinance

-Helping hand platform (sl. Pomoč na dlani)

--Record number of website visitors:

Very high rate (500%) of website visitors in last 30 days – compared to ordinary situation of work.

<p>SCTM, Serbia</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>5955 infected 134 deceased 1025 recovered</p>	<p>-State of emergency</p> <p>-Schools closed during the state of emergency</p> <p>-Limitations of movement: From 17:00 to 5:00 (for everyone); Complete ban of movement during the; people older than 65 cannot leave their homes except on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00</p> <p>-Borders situation: Exit is possible via car, plane transport is banned, everyone who enters must go to quarantine (from 2 to 3 weeks)</p> <p>-Travel limitations: International and intercity traffic transport is banned, traveling by car is allowed</p> <p>-Gathering limitations: Gatherings for more than 2 people are banned</p> <p>-Key economy measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a moratorium on debtors' debt repayments, -reduced reference interest rates -allocating additional money for public investment and one-off assistance for retirees - Decree on additional borrowing during the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus by taking out loans, issuing government securities on the domestic and international financial markets and 	<p>-Office closed</p> <p>-Staff working from home during the state of emergency</p>	<p>- Communication with LSGs: The SCTM has informed LSGs on multiple activities (regulations, instructions) of national level on the topics such as: organisation of operation of retail stores, way of use of LSGs electronic service of issuing of movement permits during curfews (informal carers, house support https://euprava.gov.rs/usluge/5616), working relations, postponing the deadlines for submission of LSGs annual financial report. The SCTM performs regular exchange of information and good practices between LSGs via SCTM expert networks</p> <p>- Direct support to LSGs: The SCTM prepared an exceptionally important initiative for defining measures to support the financial sustainability of LSG's budgets and for opening a dialogue on support for LSGs. This initiative is submitted to the Government of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government.</p> <p>SCTM signed agreement on amendments to the special collective contract for employees in local self-government with the union and MPALSG which allowed it not to diminish the earnings of people who do not work due to the consequences of infecting the virus of COVID</p>
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	<p>providing guarantees of the Republic of Serbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Decree on the supplement to the basic salary of employees in health care institutions and certain employees performing tasks in the field of health. - The Government of Serbia adopted an Economic Measures Package (worth 608.3 RSD or 5.1 billion EUR) that includes, among other things, the payment of minimum salaries to a dedicated account, as well as assistance to every adult citizen. The Government decree defined postponement of taxes and contributions for employees and advance tax payments for 2020. All businesses can use this benefit provided they have not laid off more than 10 percent of employees by March 15. - Private companies will be able to apply for affordable loans, and the total amount of money guaranteed by the state is two billion euros. At the team meeting, a decision was made to support farms that would be allowed to receive an additional 2.6 billion dinars of support through the Agrarian Pay Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture. - In accordance with the Guarantee Scheme Regulation adopted by the Government of Serbia, banks will provide two billion euros 		<p>19 or the measure of the isolation they have been given to them to receive the full amount of earnings</p> <p>- Communication to the general public: SCTM's webpage COVID-19: The latest news from cities and municipalities is constantly updated.</p>
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		to finance the liquidity and working capital of Serbian companies and thus give full support to the Serbian economy.		
MMU, Turkey	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ 79.821 infected 2.376 deceased 16.477 recovered	- No state of emergency - National Solidarity Campaign launched by the Government to collect donations for the affected - All international flights completely terminated - Intercity travel by public transport (domestic flights, buses, trains) halted and subject to special permission by the state governors - Limitations of movement: * Curfew for weekends in all 30 metropolitan cities and Zonguldak province * Partial curfew - people under age 20 (exceptions for the people between age 18-20 who work), over age 65 and those with chronic illnesses restricted to leave their homes (municipalities and the government helping to meet their needs) * 227 neighbourhoods and villages across the country under quarantine * 15-day entry and exit ban to all 30 metropolitan cities and Zonguldak province - Borders with Iran, Iraq and Georgia closed - Public institutions (including MMU) ordered to allow for alternating and flexible	- Office closed and disinfected for the fourth time - Work from home (until 3 May for now, decided week by week) - Online Executive Board meeting (21.04.2020) - Online weekly coordination meetings with MMU executive staff - Searching for new online tools for trainings, webinars, internal communication and teleworking - Internal communication: regular informative e-mails on Covid-19, suggestions for having quality time at home and	- Covid-19 relevant information, best practices, measures, funding opportunities, circulars, statistics, updates announced on the Covid-19 section on MMU's website (in Turkish): http://marmara.gov.tr/covid19 - International Covid-19 management resources and good practices collected, listed and announced on the Covid-19 section on MMU's website (in Turkish): http://marmara.gov.tr/covid19/uluslararasi-covid-19-yonetim-kaynaklari-ve-iyi-uygulama-orneklere - Municipalities encouraged to share their good practices against Covid-19 with MMU and listed international networks that collect practices of cities (contact information of relevant networks shared with municipalities) - Online training course on "protocol and ceremony rules" for member municipalities (23-24-25.04.2020) - Webinar on "digital transformation and Covid-19" (17.04.2020)

	<p>schedules and enforce remote working if possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools and universities closed. Remote education provided for primary, secondary and high schools until the end of April, and universities in the remainder of the spring semester - 8 GB free internet provided for primary and secondary school students, and 100 GB free internet for healthcare workers - Psychological support line for healthcare workers - Disinfection of animal shelters and living areas of street animals such as parks and gardens carried out by the government. Taking necessary measures to prevent animals from starving - Major nation-wide exams postponed - Mask sales banned. 5 masks per person for 10 days will be distributed to the citizens for free by pharmacies upon online application on e-government website. - Markets serving customers between 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, and the number of customers in every store limited to one tenth of its original number based on its area - All restaurants, dining places, patisseries, pavilions, bars, discotheques, night clubs, cafes, gyms, internet cafés, movie theatres, 	<p>online trainings / events announcements / webinars by the Corporate Communications department to all LGA staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings with smaller groups and internal meetings replaced with online meetings - Big events including seminars and the General Assembly meeting cancelled - Municipal Council meetings and General Assembly meetings of all municipalities and LGAs (including MMU) cancelled in April, May and June (by a Circular issued by the Ministry of Interior on 26.03.2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Webinar on “outbreaks transforming cities” (21.04.2020) - Webinar on “university libraries in Turkey” (22.04.2020) - Online training course on “stress management in Covid-19 process” for member municipalities (20.04.2020) - Online training course on “online training programs and digitalization process” for trainers (15-28.04.2020) - Online training course on “municipal legislation” for member municipalities (15-28.04.2020) - Online training course on “public procurement legislation” for member municipalities (continuing for 18 weeks)
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barber shops, hair dressers, beauty parlours, libraries, private kindergartens closed (only home delivery and take-away food allowed)

- **Picnic areas** closed on weekends; having picnics, fishing at the shores, doing physical exercise outside banned
- **All kinds of scientific, cultural, artistic** meetings or activities postponed until the end of April
- **Sports games and leagues postponed**
- **Meetings in open and closed prisons**, the use of family meeting rooms and transfers between prisons postponed
- **Military farewell ceremonies suspended**

Economy measures:

- Bankruptcy and financial executionary proceedings stopped until 30 April, except for obligations regarding alimony and child support
- Tax cuts from municipalities suspended for April, May and June
- Additional payments of healthcare staff boosted for 3 months and 32.000 new healthcare staff to be employed
- Import tariffs on ethanol, disposable medical masks, and ventilators lifted
- A ₺100 billion (approx. \$15.4 billion) economic measures package announced by

the Government to address financial issues of companies and low-income households. With this package the Government promised to:

**Raise the Credit Guarantee Fund limit,*

**Postpone tax liabilities, social security premium payments and credit debts of employers in sectors most affected by the crisis, and provide additional financial support to those companies when needed,*

**Extend financial support to stocks for exporters in order to maintain capacity utilization rates,*

**Encourage credit packages for citizens under favourable and advantageous conditions,*

**Make a resource transfer of ₺2 billion to families in need, among other measures.*

**Daily financial support to the hospitals for per patient diagnosed with Covid-19*

- The Law No 7244 on Reducing the Effects of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) Outbreak on the Economic and Social Life and Amending Certain Laws ("Omnibus Bill") published on 17 April 2020. The law includes regulations in the fields of the economy, social life and the medical sector in line with the precautions taken to prevent the Covid-19 pandemic and reduce its

		effects. For more information: https://www.kilinclaw.com.tr/en/information-on-the-ominous-bill-accepted-against-coronavirus-outbreakj/		
SOGFBiH, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ Infected - 784 Deceased - 32 Recovered - 169	<p>-State of emergency since 17 March 2020.</p> <p>-Schools closed since 11 March; distance learning introduced.</p> <p>-Curfews and limitations of movement: all public gatherings banned. Curfew from 20:00 until 05:00 for all.</p> <p>-Work from home recommended</p> <p>- Decision on systematic disinfection of all cities of the Federation, as one of the measures to combat the spread of the virus.</p> <p>- FBiH Government brought decision on subsidies to private companies and entrepreneurs / incentive for agriculture in the amount of 87,000,000 KM.</p> <p>- The European Commission will give Bosnia and Herzegovina 28m euros for the health system, as well as an additional 40m euros to support the economy.</p> <p>-Economy measures set of prepared economic measures will be discussed on the next session of Parliament.</p>	<p>- Office is operational, staff works from home.</p> <p>- Use of Slack and Zoom applications is increased.</p>	<p>-The Secretariat is constantly informing all LGs on the Decisions approved by Central Authorities.</p> <p>-Sharing good practices of LGs related to fight against Corona virus.</p> <p>-Coordination with Mayors regarding raising awareness of higher levels of the needs on local level in this crises period. On new session of SOGFBiH' Presidency held on 15th of April, among other, was concluded:</p> <p>- We insist that the Proposal of the Law on Mitigation of Negative Economic Consequences should explicitly treat employees in business entities, whose work has been suspended on the basis of decisions of the authorities and the Federal Civil Protection Headquarters, in such way as to subsidize their minimum wage, in order to provide them with income and preserve jobs.</p> <p>- Local governments in FBiH must participate in the process of decision making regarding the allocation of the International Monetary Fund loan of EUR 330 million, because municipalities and cities will by default participate in its repayment.</p>

<p>ACOR, Romania</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>9710 total cases 6.785 active 527 deceased 2.406 recovered ATI - 288</p>	<p>-State of emergency starting 16 March, prolonged until 16th of May; -Schools closed since 13 March, until 16th of May; -April 22, the Ministry of Education declared that the end of the school year could be extended by a week. Also, when returning from the Easter holidays, online courses will become mandatory, and their duration can be flexible, specialists recommending a duration between 40-50 minutes. -Universities closed until 16th of May, online schooling -Limitations of movement: 1 new Military Ordinance issued: Military Ordinance nr. 8/10 April 2020 - a serial number of agri-food products for which export is prohibited / suspended during the period of emergency: wheat, barley, oats, corn, sugar etc. -the measure of suspension of flights performed by airline operators to Spain and from Spain to Romania is extended for a period of 14 days, starting with April 14, 2020. April 14, 2020, new presidential decree: -The Government will take all measures to</p>	<p>- Office closed; - Work from home; - Zoom meetings from time to time.</p>	<p>-The president of ACoR, Mr. Emil DRĂGHICI, participates every day in the online show FAX COMMENTS which deals with topics of interest to the local public administration; yesterday the topic was: local public debt and today: debates on the census etc.</p> <p>- All information concerning the COVID-19 and measures at national level are uploaded on ACoR's website and Facebook.</p> <p>-WhatsApp group for Mayors – sending most important news from central government, including links, important information.</p>
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	<p>ensure the food security of the citizens by continuing the supply, production, processing, transport and supply to people of the goods of strict necessity.</p> <p>-During the state of emergency, prices may be capped on medicines and medical equipment, on strictly necessary foods and on public utility services, such as electricity and heat, gas, water supply, sanitation or fuel.</p> <p>-During this period, it is forbidden to cease or suspend the activity of residential care and assistance centers for the elderly, residential centers for children and adults, with and without disabilities, as well as for other vulnerable categories, public and private.</p> <p>-In the field of transport and infrastructure, the Government establishes the specific conditions for the provision of transport, passenger and freight services, so that the protection of the population and goods is a priority.</p> <p>-The providers of electronic communications services have the obligation to ensure the integrity of the electronic communications networks and to avoid the possible situations of interruption of the traffic in the public electronic communications networks.</p>		
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Military Ordinance nr. 7/4 April 2020

-Quarantine in new town Țândărei,
Ialomița county;

-Suspension of commercial flights to
Republic of Austria, Belgium, USA, Ireland
and Iran, starting with 5 of April, for 14
days;

-Extension of suspension of road transport
to Spain, Italy, France, Netherlands and
Turkey during the state of emergency;

-At demand hotels are provided to doctors
who want to stay during the quarantine;

-Restaurants, bars and cafes are closed.

-Events (weddings, funerals etc.) and
gatherings exceeding maximum 8 persons
are forbidden;

-All cultural, scientific, artistic, religious,
sports, entertainment or gambling, spa
treatment and personal care activities held
in confined spaces are suspended.

Key economy measures:

-Payment of technical unemployment for
the employees of the companies that close
their activity, but not more than 75% of the
average gross salary.

-Raised ceiling for guaranteeing loans for
SMEs by 5 billion lei, for investments and
working capital. The interest on these loans

	<p>will be subsidised. Reimbursement of VAT up to 9 billion lei.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On March 26 was adopted the Emergency Ordinance regarding the postponement of the payments of the instalments to the banks at the request of the borrowers, with up to 9 months, no more than 31.12.2020.- March 29, During the period of emergency the prices for electricity and thermal energy, natural gas, water supply, sanitation and fuels cannot be increased above the level practiced at the date of the issuance of the Military Ordinance no. 4; these can only be reduced according to demand and supply.- April 6, providing a salary incentive for doctors and auxiliary staff who treat people affected by COVID-19 (approx. 500 Euros);-April 22, The President of Romania announced that after May 15, the restrictions on people will no longer be available. They will be able to move in public spaces without having to declare in advance where they are going and why.-After May 15, everyone will be obligated to wear protective masks in enclosed public spaces and on public transportation.-April 23, Public servants will no longer go into technical unemployment like those in the private sector, the project being	
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		eliminated from the Government's intentions.		
AoC, Croatia	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ Total cases: 1950 Active: 1033 Deceased: 48 Recovered: 869	- State of emergency - Schools and kindergartens closed - Limitations of movement - Borders closed - State of emergency - Schools and kindergartens closed - Limitations of movement within regions - Borders closed - Travel limitations between cities - Gathering limitations for more than 5 people - All the shops closed except ones that sale or produce food and pharmacies Economy measures - Postponement of the tax payment for the companies for 3 months - Salaries (up to cca 535 EUR), taxes and surtaxes covered by the Government for those private companies who did not fire employees - Taxes and parafiscal charges write-off for the private companies who will have less	- Office closed - Work from home	- Offering the service for online meetings to LGAs' members (City council, civil protection council...) -Coordination of the measures cities are taking in order to manage the situation (communication between cities) -Informing public about the measures cities are taking

<p>ATMRS, RS, BH</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>TOTAL BiH:1386</p> <p>R. SRPSKA: 611</p> <p>RECOVERED:460</p> <p>DECEASED: 54</p>	<p>-State of emergency extended until April 27</p> <p>-Schools, restaurants, cafes closed</p> <p>-Bakeries, pharmacies and markets open from 8-18h</p> <p>-Borders situation</p> <p>Foreign visitors are not able to enter BiH, unless they are residents of BiH. All who enter are subject to 14-day quarantine. Travelers coming from China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran, France, Romania, Germany, Austria, Spain, Switzerland, and Belgium are banned from entry.</p> <p>-Public gatherings not allowed</p> <p>-Limitations of movement: Curfew from 8PM until 5AM; Persons over the age of 65 are only allowed to leave their homes on Tuesday and Friday from 7 AM to 10 AM</p> <p>Key Economic measures:</p> <p>- All members of Government will give up 50 % of their net income to the solidarity fund (fund which should help the private sector companies)</p> <p>-The Government also recommends that all other employees in the public sector give up 5% , 10 or 20 % (depending on salaries) of their net income and pay it into the solidarity fund.</p>	<p>-Office open</p> <p>-Mostly work from home</p> <p>-Viber group to discuss activities</p>	<p>ATMRS initiative: All providers of utility and other services delivered to general population and companies in R. Srpska do not charge interest on monthly bills, starting February until the month when the state of emergency ends. This initiative was adopted through the telephone session of the ATMRS Presidency, and concerns water, electricity, gas, waste, heating, Internet, telephone and other service providers.</p> <p>-Telephone communication with most of the Mayors regarding the current situation and the updates (messages) from the RS Government emergency situation committee.</p> <p>-News from municipalities is shared with all other members, decisions of the RS government emergency situation committee is regularly published on AMC website.</p>
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		<p>-The Government will pay taxes and contributions in the amount of KM 16.5 million (8.5 M euro) from the budget for around 40,000 workers, mostly from the service sector.</p> <p>-RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management diverted KM 2.2 million (1.1 M euro)in loans from the current IFAD Rural Competitiveness Project to encourage agricultural production expansion.</p>		
AKM, Kosovo	<p>Infected: 630 Active: 474 Recovered: 138 Deceased: 18</p>	<p>- State of Public Health Emergency</p> <p>-Schools, kindergartens and universities closed; online schooling as of 23 March until further decision.</p> <p>-Limitation of movement: The Ministry of Health has introduced movement restrictions to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 from 15 April to 4 May: Personal movements during the prescribed 1.5-hour period are only permitted for purchasing food, medicine, hygienic products, dealing with banking/financial matters, and physical exercises. Driving in vehicles is only permitted if the market/pharmacy/bank etc. nearest to the home is more than 2 km away. All persons in movement (including</p>	<p>- Office closed</p> <p>- Work from home 16 March -13 April. (until next decision)</p> <p>- All trainings cancelled.</p> <p>- Communication through emails and via Viber group to discuss activities.</p> <p>- Visits in Municipalities</p>	<p>-The LGA is very active in information sharing, advocacy and lobbying and addressing demands to key institutions for the interests of LGs during the crisis.</p> <p>-AKM is a member of the Inter-Institutional Group for Incident Management (GNMI) representing the Municipalities where the demands and needs of the municipalities are presented continuously; AKM assesses the situation in municipalities and reports to GNMI; Municipalities are informed by AKM on daily basis for the work of GNMI.</p> <p>-Daily communication with Mayors and representatives of local governments; -Coordination with Mayors regarding raising</p>

	<p>for physical exercises) may not be accompanied by any other person, except (i) persons under 16 years; (ii) persons with disabilities. All persons in movement must (i) cover their mouth and nose, (ii) maintain two metres distance. Persons over 65 years are recommended not to leave their residence, except in emergency cases. No other travel/traffic is permitted, except for the following: medical emergencies, victims of domestic violence; attending funerals of close family members. Non-compliance is punishable by an administrative fine of 1000-2000 Euros.</p> <p>- Travel limitations:</p> <p>-Temporary suspension of air and land travel</p> <p>Most international air travel to Kosovo** is suspended as of 16 March 2020. Military flights and airplanes carrying cabin crew allowed to land in Pristina Airport for outgoing passengers. There is an exception for incoming medical flights and MEDEVAC. All public transportation and taxi services has been discontinued.</p> <p>-Compulsory check of passengers coming from epidemic areas.</p> <p>-Obligatory self-quarantine Every person, irrespective of nationality entering Kosovo</p>		<p>awareness of higher levels of the needs on local level in this crisis period;</p> <p>-Daily communication with Collegiums; -Daily communication with Central Level (sharing information on daily basis about Covid-19 cases in Municipalities).</p> <p>- Consultation with central level regarding decisions relating to the activities of local authorities;</p> <p>-AKM requests financial means for Municipalities (10 million Euros have been allocated for the fiscal package);</p> <p>-Responding to the demands and problems of municipalities;</p> <p>-Media constantly refers to the social media of AKM for information for municipalities about the pandemic Covid19.</p> <p>-With the request of AKM, Municipalities are allowed to work on several ongoing projects, such as capital investments, investments in infrastructure, construction and maintenance of services, but always within the measures and standards required by the National</p>
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* "This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence."

	<p>is placed under mandatory 14-day quarantine/isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gatherings prohibited -No spectators at public events. -Prohibition of activities of restaurants, nightclubs, gyms, swimming pools. -Prohibition of the export of medical equipment, materials and medicines. -Hygienic measures in all institutions, companies and public transport. -Prohibition for organising international transport to high-risk countries and vice versa. -Economy measures: Government has decided to postpone the filing of tax liabilities and financial reporting of various businesses and organisations as well as delaying the payment of loans until 30 April. Payments to all public utilities, including water, electricity, heating and waste collection, have been postponed to this date as well. - Government's Emergency Fiscal Package: <p>Measure 1 - Double payment of the value of the social scheme (3 months);</p> <p>Measure 2- Additional payment of 30 Euros per month for all beneficiaries of social and pension schemes receiving below 100 Euros</p>		<p>Institute of Public Health (NIPH) in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The implementation of the Emergency Fiscal Package measure 15 started in Kosovo Municipalities. The Ministry of Finance and Transfers (MFT) in a letter to the Mayors has requested the implementation of this measure in the municipalities of Kosovo. <i>This measure says that the payment of monthly assistance in the amount of 130 Euros for citizens with severe social conditions, declared unemployed in the competent institution, who are not beneficiaries of any monthly income from the Kosovo Budget, for April, May and June, worth up to three million Euros".</i> The Ministry of Finance and Transfers further adds " <i>in accordance with the legal competencies of municipalities, we ask the Mayors of the Republic of Kosovo to engage staff in the Centres for Social Work to accept applications from parties entitled to benefit from this measure".</i> - AKM Executive Director Mr. Sazan Ibrahimiri visited the Municipality of Gjilan and met with the Gjilani Mayor and his associates. The Mayor informed Mr. Ibrahimiri about the situation of Covid-19 in the municipality of Gjilan and generally by the Municipal Emergency Headquarters about the Municipal
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	<p>(3 months);</p> <p>Measure 3- Financial support for companies that are in financial difficulties as a result of the emergency situation, namely:</p> <p>a) Coverage of employees' monthly salary expenses in the amount of 170 Euros (2 months)</p> <p>b) Rent subsidy up to fifty percent (50%) of the rental value for small and medium enterprises;</p> <p>c) Coverage of the value of pension contributions for wages in relation to the measures provided for in this Decision.</p> <p>Measure 4- Providing interest-free lending to public enterprises (the return by the end of 2020);</p> <p>Measure 5- Ensuring financial support for the Municipality of the Republic of Kosovo (total of 10 million Euros);</p> <p>Measure 6- Ensuring the salary supplement in the amount of 300 Euros for employees of the essential sectors who are directly exposed to the risk of infection (2 months);</p> <p>Measure 7- Additional payment of 100 Euros for employees of grocery stores, bakeries and pharmacies (2 months);</p> <p>Measure 8- Payment of monthly assistance of 130 Euros for citizens who lose their jobs due to the emergency situation (registration is done through Tax</p>		<p>Action Plan for the prevention of Covid-19. On the other hand, Director Ibrahimini informed Mayor Haziri and members of the Municipal Emergency Staff about the activities of the AKM in support of municipalities in terms of coordination with the central level and for the beginning of implementation of the Emergency Fiscal Package for municipalities.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting, Mr. Haziri thanked Mr. Ibrahimini for the activities of the AKM and as a sign of gratitude handed an acknowledgment for support and coordination of commitments during this time of Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>-AKM and MLGA representatives meet for implementation of measures against Covid -19 pandemic. A joint coordination meeting was held between the Deputy Minister of MLGA, Mrs. Fatbardha Emini, Secretary General of MLGA Mrs. Rozafa Ukimeraj and the Executive Director of AKM, Mr. Sazan Ibrahimini, on the occasion of which they discussed the implementation of measures by Municipalities against the Corona Covid-19 virus, the challenges and management of the situation in general.</p> <p>-The AKM Collegium of Inspection was</p>
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		<p>Administration of Kosovo and this measure is for 2 months);</p> <p>Measure 9- Supporting initiatives and projects aimed at improving the lives of non-majority communities in the Republic of Kosovo, which have been severely affected by the public health emergency situation, worth up to two million (2,000,000.00 €) Euros;</p> <p>Measure 10- Ensuring financial liquidity for two categories:</p> <p>a) Micro-enterprises and self-employed through certain programs of the Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund, in the amount of up to ten thousand (€ 10,000) for a period of 2 years, in the amount of up to fifteen million (€ 15,000,000.00) euro.</p> <p>b) Commercial Companies / Authorized Companies which provide basic services (similar to those of public enterprises) with returns up to 31.12.2020, within the specified value of point 1.4 of the decision on the Emergency Fiscal Package.</p> <p>Measure 11 - Increase of the budget for grants and subsidies for the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development for increase of agricultural production, in the amount of five million Euros (5, 000,000.00 €) Euros;</p> <p>Measure 12 - Increase of the budget for</p>		<p>coordinated with the Ministry of Health and the Sanitary Inspectorate of Kosovo for the Implementation of the Decision on Prevention, Control and Elimination of Covid-19 in the Municipalities issued by the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>-AKM was part of the online meeting of the Coalition of NGOs for Child Protection - of the Thematic Group for Child Protection and Welfare. In this meeting, the coordination of the provision of services for children without parental care in the conditions of Covid-19 pandemic was also discussed. A summary of the activities developed during the first quarter of 2020 and the monitoring report of the decentralization process, which was completed in March were presented.</p> <p>-AKM, respectively the Working Group of Waste Management Officials, in cooperation with the Central Level- Kosovo Agency for Waste Management have discussed the issue of waste management in municipalities and the reporting ways of Municipalities to the Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency in pandemic conditions, having regard to the provision of services to citizens in isolation.</p>
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grants and subsidies for the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports to avoid the situation created by the state of emergency of public health in sports and cultural activities, in the amount of five million (€ 5,000,000.00) Euros;

Measure 13 - Support for exporters in the Republic of Kosovo after the end of the emergency public health situation, in the amount of up to ten million (10, 000,000.00 €) Euros;

Measure 14 - Financial support for companies that register employees with employment contracts of at least one (1) year during the period of emergency public health situation, from one hundred and thirty (130 €) Euros for the next two months after registration, worth up to six million (6,000,000.00€), Euros;

Measure 15 - Payment of monthly assistance in the amount of one hundred and thirty (130 €) Euros for citizens with severe social conditions, declared unemployed in the competent institution, who are not beneficiaries of any monthly income from the Kosovo Budget, and this for the month of April, May and June, in the amount of up to three million (3,000,000.00 €) Euros.

<p>AAM, Albania</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>Infected: 663 Recovered: 385 Deceased: 27</p>	<p>-State of natural disaster was announced on 22 March 2020 for 30 days. The Parliament is reviewing the government proposal for extension till 23 June</p> <p>-Schools, kindergartens, nurseries closed till further notice.</p> <p>-Starting on 13 April, one person per household is allowed to go out to carry needed activities from 05:00 to 17:30. Such person will have to obtain a permit through an application on government website e-Albania. This measure relates to pedestrians, whereas vehicles can be used with a permit from the Albanian State Police only for business purposes or well justified private needs.</p> <p>-Repatriation of Albanians restarted as of Saturday, 18 April, with the precondition of a quarantine of two weeks in accommodation structures approved by the Ministry of Tourism. Anyone returning to Albania will pay for the travel and accommodation at reduced rates.</p> <p>-A list of economic entities allowed to operate in limited hours was approved by the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>-Government started to subsidize wages for self-employed and small businesses employees that lost their jobs because of Covid-19 measures. The wages equal the</p>	<p>-Office has been closed since 10 March,</p> <p>-Staff is working from home.</p> <p>-Daily communication among staff and partners. Activities adjusted, shifting to online meetings or postponing activities.</p>	<p>Under Interreg Med project MD.net, a third webinar will be organized on importance of physical activities under Covid19 conditions. The 3rd webinar "Benefits of physical activity to combat health conditions and diseases", will take place on April 23th at 16:00 (CET time). MD.net website: https://mdnet.interreg-med.eu/news-events/events/detail/actualites/3rd-mdnet-webinar-benefits-of-physical-activity-to-combat-health-conditions-and-diseases/</p> <p>A joint meeting of the Technical Group on Decentralization was held last week with participation of Ministry of Interior, donors and local government associations. The meeting focused on the response mechanism of municipalities during the pandemic and the needs of local government, especially on financial means.</p>
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		<p>minimal level of 26 000 leke.</p> <p>Employees of other businesses that have lost their jobs due to Covid 19, will receive one payment of 40 000 leke once.</p>		
<p>ZELS, North Macedonia</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>1259 infected, 56 deceased, 272 recovered</p> <p>214 healthcare workers infected</p> <p>13.000 tests are made to date 22.04.2020</p>	<p>- State of emergency</p> <p>- Schools, kindergartens and universities closed from 11 March</p> <p>- Limitations of movement: curfew from Monday to Friday from 07 p.m. to 05 a.m., during the weekend from Friday from 07 p.m. to Monday to 05 a.m.</p> <p>- Borders closed, entrance/exit of domestic and foreign citizens prohibited</p> <p>- Travel limitations: public transport limited, intercity transport partially limited</p> <p>- Gatherings prohibited</p> <p>Measures and decisions form the 43rd session of the Government of the RNM</p> <p>- The Government made a decision to completely remove the ban on movement for all persons with disabilities with companions (no special permits will be issued for these persons and it will be sufficient for them to have a medical note);</p> <p>- The Government reviewed and adopted Information on the course of the preparation of the Project for urgent</p>	<p>- Office closed</p> <p>- Work from home (every ZELS employee works from home and is available for any obligation according to the working hours of the Association, from 08:30 AM to 04:30 PM)</p> <p>- IT staff go to ZELS every Tuesday and Friday for monitoring the operational system of ZELS and are available for any other obligation, arising from the needs of the municipalities</p>	<p>- Submitting all government recommendations and decisions to the local authorities</p> <p>- Responding to the demands and problems of municipalities, as well as providing permits for crisis headquarters</p> <p>- Counseling with the representatives of state institutions regarding some decisions that refer to the activities of the local authorities</p> <p>- Everyday communication with the Mayors and representatives of local governments</p> <p>- Receiving documents by mail regarding cases of clients and acting on them in accordance with legal authorizations</p> <p>- Maintenance of electronic systems and error correction</p>

	<p>dealing with KOVID-19 in North Macedonia;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government obligated the Ministry of Finance to prepare and submit to the World Bank the application for selection of conditions for securing a loan from the World Bank for the Project for urgent dealing with KOVID-19; - At this session, a Decree was adopted with legal force to amend the Decree with the legal force for the application of the Law on Road Transport during the state of emergency; - The Government adopted a Decree with the legal force for the application of the Law on Trade during the state of emergency for establishing order and discipline at the entrance and inside the facilities in which retail trade is performed - stores, grocery stores, markets, bakeries, and others, during the state of emergency; - At the proposal of the Ministry of Economy, the Government adopted the Decree with the legal force for the application of the provisions of the Law on Mineral Resources; - At this session, a Decree was adopted with the legal force for the application of the Law on Donations and Sponsorships in Public Activities; - The Ministry of Justice proposed, and the 		
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	<p>Government adopted a Decree with legal force to amend the Decree with the legal force for the application of the Law on Enforcement during the state of emergency;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government reviewed and adopted the Information on the application of the Law on Writing Off Interest and Reprogramming the Debts and Expenses of Individuals; - The Government adopted the Decree with the legal force for amending and supplementing the Decree with the legal force for the application of the Law on Child Protection during the state of emergency; <p>Measures and decisions form the 44th session of the Government of the RNM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting from April 22, 2020 (Wednesday), a measure is introduced to ban the movement of the population in the municipalities of Kumanovo, Tetovo, and Prilep, if their inhabitants do not wear appropriate protective equipment (mask, scarf, shawl, etc.) outside their homes. , in all public places and areas of open and closed type, as well as closed premises, markets, shops or similar; - The Government has decided to recommend to all citizens in the Republic of 		
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	<p>North Macedonia, and especially to those living in the municipalities of Kumanovo, Prilep, and Tetovo, in accordance with the decisions, measures, and recommendations of the Government, not to leave their homes unnecessarily;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Government obligated the Ministry of Health, part of the donations of protective equipment that the Republic of North Macedonia has received so far, to give to the health care institutions in the municipalities of Kumanovo, Prilep, and Tetovo;- The Government has decided that as of Tuesday, organized transport of passengers is prohibited, i.e. a ban on entry and exit in and from the area of the Municipality of Tetovo and all surrounding municipalities is introduced;- In order to better respect the measures and reduce the need to introduce new restrictions, at this session the Government instructed the Ministry of Justice to prepare and for the next session of the Government to submit an ordinance with legal force that will legally regulate the manner and imposition of mandatory sentences. (with photographic documentation from the place where the citizen was found), as well as the amount of the same, to all natural		
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	<p>and legal persons who will not respect the decisions, measures, and recommendations of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ministry of Finance is obligated, and it is recommended to the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia, in joint cooperation to consider the possibility of finding ways and preparation of a proposal - decree with legal force, in order to indebt commercial banks within a month to introduce new fintech applications that will significantly reduce interaction and bureaucratic procedures for citizens, as well as for micro, small and medium companies;- The Ministry of Finance, in cooperation with the Ministry of Information Society and Administration, is obliged to envisage specific proposals - measures that will allow banks to stimulate changing citizens' habits, sophisticate processes and reconsider the manner of issuing the documentation and the documentation itself in the requests for crediting and payments;- The Government obligated the Ministry of Finance, and it is recommended to the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia in joint cooperation to regulate the issue of commercial banks to necessarily connect the terminals in the		
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	<p>economic operators with the cash registers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ministry of Economy is obligated to prepare and submit for the next session of the Government a decree with a legal force which will legally regulate the obligation to bring protective equipment to employees in economic operators (shops, markets, pharmacies, etc.);- The Ministry of Finance, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, to prepare and submit to the Government an appropriate protocol for the payment of pensions;- The Government obligated the Ministry of Information Society and Administration to prepare and submit for the next session of the Government a decree with legal force in which it will legally impose an obligation for all televisions and radios to provide broadcasting of informational messages (prepared by the Ministry of Health and the Government North Macedonia regarding COVID-19);- At this session it was decided to recommend to all employees in the state administration bodies, public enterprises established by the state, joint-stock companies in state ownership, agencies, funds, bureaus, offices, administrations,		
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	<p>and all other state institutions, as well as indicated to the units of local self-government, public enterprises and other legal entities established by the units of local self-government, as well as to the employees of the private sector to download (install) the mobile application "Stop Corona!";</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ministry of Information Society and Administration to prepare and submit for the next session of the Government a protocol and analysis that will regulate the system of procurement of food products and medicines, by only one member of the family/household; - The Government obligated the Ministry of Health to prepare and submit for the next session of the Government a proposal – decree with legal force that will legally regulate the issue regarding the introduction of mandatory self-isolation for all citizens who perform tests for COVID-19, at least until the moment of obtaining the result, according to the epidemiological survey; - The Government reviewed and adopted the Information on the payment of pensions for April 2020, and obligated the Pension and Disability Insurance Fund of North Macedonia to submit the data on 		
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		<p>pensions to commercial banks no later than April 23, 2020;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government reviewed the information and adopted the Decision on amending the Decision on the conditions and criteria for reimbursement of the funds from the compensation funds which determine the conditions for direct lending to business entities affected by the coronavirus for reimbursement of funds from the compensation funds for providing funds in the amount of 492,000,000 denars for direct lending to micro, small and medium companies whose economic activity is affected by the coronavirus, through the Development Bank of North Macedonia; - The Government adopted the Decree with the legal force to establish a fund for assistance and support for dealing with the crisis caused by the COVID -19 Coronavirus; <p>Measures and decisions form the 45th session of the Government of the RNM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Government accepted the proposal of the Commission for Infectious Diseases at the Ministry of Health regarding the reduction of the time period of the ban and a special regime of movement of the population on the territory of the Republic 		
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	<p>of North Macedonia (from Monday to Friday from 07 p.m. to 05 a.m., during the weekend from Friday from 07 p.m. to Monday to 05 a.m.);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ministry of Information Society and Administration to submit a Decision for termination of the Decision on determining the schedule of working hours in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, the ministries and other bodies of the state administration for the next session of the Government; - All persons who will be involved in undertaking donations from foreign countries for the Republic of North Macedonia, if they have special protective equipment, to be exempted from the measure for mandatory state quarantine placement; - The Government approved the donation of the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia in accordance with the submitted needs for necessary protective equipment; - During the ban and the special regime of movement on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia, the economic operators who sell and distribute food to work online until 3:00 a.m.; - The Government reviewed and accepted 		
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		<p>the Request submitted by the Crisis Management Center regarding the need to provide protective equipment for the needs of the staff in the reception transit centers Vinojug and Tabanovce;</p> <p>-</p>		
<p>CALM, Moldova</p>	<p>https://www.covidvisualizer.com/</p> <p>Infected - 2778 Deceased - 75 Recovered - 560</p>	<p>-State of emergency until 15 May 2020</p> <p>-Schools, kindergartens and universities closed until 15 May 2020, distance learning introduced.</p> <p>-Limitations of movement: Groups up to 3 allowed outdoor; having an ID is mandatory when going out; People over 63 years old are allowed out only for purchasing food or medicines. It is prohibited to be in parks, playgrounds, etc.</p> <p>-Borders situation: Entrance of foreign citizens prohibited; Airports and majority of border points closed. Only corridors for international cargo are opened. Moldovan citizens returning from abroad are allowed to enter the country being obliged to buy the health insurance and stay in self isolation for at least 14 days.</p> <p>-Travel limitations: Travels abroad prohibited, Travels within the country not recommended, <i>unless it is an urgent necessity.</i></p>	<p>-Office closed.</p> <p>-CALM Secretariat is working from home, for now until the emergency situation is in power (15 May 2020)</p> <p>-Other measures: Work with the members via Viber groups, e-mail communication and phones.</p> <p>- CALM Secretariat staff meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>-CALM Secretariat is constantly informing all LGs on the Decisions approved by Central Authorities related to COVID 19 preventing measures with direct impact of LPA.</p> <p>-CALM also made on its website a specially dedicated page that is updated on hourly basis for Decisions approved by Central Authorities related to COVID 19, legislation, instructions, etc. with direct impact of LPA.</p> <p>http://calm.md/pageview.php?l=ro&idc=314&nod=1&t=/Informatii-privind-noul-Coronavirus-COVID-19&</p>

		<p>-Gathering limitations: Any types of gathering, including in churches are prohibited</p> <p>-Key economy measures: postponement of repayment of loans; postponement of payment of taxes and contributions with 60 days</p> <p>-Additional measures affecting LGs: The Instruction regarding the establishment of the quarantine regime in localities, during the state of emergency, is approved. Now municipalities in a decentralised way can establish the quarantine regime if the municipality has 1% of the population infected by Covid-19. 6 municipalities are in quarantine regime: Soroca, Stefan Voda, Glodeni, Brinzeni, Talmaza and Carahasani</p>		
UoM, Montenegro	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ Infected: 316 Deceased: 5 Recovered: 116	<p>-No state of emergency</p> <p>-Schools closed until 2 May.</p> <p>-Limitations of movement: ban on leaving the housing facility for citizens, from every day, from 11pm to 5am the following day. Compulsory institutional isolation for persons who have been quarantined or self-isolated and are tested positive for the novel coronavirus, for patients who have</p>	<p>-Work from home</p> <p>-All meetings cancelled.</p>	<p>-A representative of the UoM participates in each session of the National Coordination Body for Communicable Diseases (NCB)</p> <p>-The relevant information is communicated to all municipalities</p> <p>-The Governing Board of the UoM decided to donate 10.000 Euros into the account of the NCB. The session was held electronically.</p>

	<p>been hospitalized, have recovered and have no symptoms of the disease, but have not yet had two consecutive negative results from samples taken at intervals of 24 hours; as well as for persons who came from abroad and tested positive for the novel coronavirus in quarantine.</p> <p>-Borders situation: prohibition of entry to foreigners, except to foreigners with permanent or temporary residence in Montenegro and foreigners who operate motor vehicles used for traffic of goods. Extended until 2 May</p> <p>-Travel limitations: suspension of international passenger traffic. Extended until 2 May, Ban on intercity passenger transport until 25 April</p> <p>-Gathering limitations: ban on presence and loitering of more than one person in an open public place. Ban on presence and loitering of persons on beaches, landscaped and unregulated bathing areas and picnic areas. Prohibition of gathering in the facilities of accommodation for persons who are not members of the common family household.</p>		<p>-A representative of the UoM is the member of the Working Group appointed by the Prime Minister to prepare proposals for a new package of measures to support Montenegrin economy, entrepreneurs and citizens in dealing with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>-As a member of the Working Group, UoM, in consultation with municipalities, has prepared a proposal of measures to support economy in dealing with impact of coronavirus pandemic, taking in account needs of LSG for basic functioning.</p>
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-Key economy measures: postponement of repayment of loans for 90 days; postponement of payment of taxes and contributions on earnings, as well as, obligations under the Law on Rescheduling of Tax Claims; postponement of payment of lease of state-owned real estate, also for a period of 90 days; Investment and Development Fund (IRF) has decided on a new line of credit, intended to support liquidity of businesses. The loan amount can be up to EUR 3 million; Suspension of payment of variable pay and all budgetary allowances for work in commissions, steering committees and other working bodies; Restriction and control of budget spending; Advance payment to service providers and contractors on started capital projects with the provision of a bank guarantee in the value of advance payment to ensure their liquidity and maintain continuity of works

-Additional measures affecting LGs: Local self-governments are obliged to identify, in cooperation with the municipal crisis staffs, potential facilities which would be used for the implementation of quarantine measures, and propose to the Ministry of

		Health for further quarantine determination procedure.		
NAMRB, Bulgaria	https://www.covidvisualizer.com/ Infected: 1081 Deceased: 50 Recovered: 190 27 000 tests made 16 313 in active quarantine	<p>Health for further quarantine determination procedure.</p> <p>-State of emergency until 13 May 2020</p> <p>-Schools closed until 13 May 2020. Classes are conducted online. Annual exams (matriculation exams) for all students will be postponed by a week or so.</p> <p>-Limitations of movement: citizens are not allowed to visit parks, children playgrounds, outdoor/indoor sport facilities.</p> <p>-Borders situation: temporal ban for entry in Bulgaria for all third country nationals, as well as people coming from Italy, Spain, France, UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Luxembourg. Exempt are Bulgarian citizens and members of their families.</p> <p>-Travel limitations: checkpoints are installed at the entry/exit of cities - district centres. Travel in or out of the cities is generally not allowed. Exceptions – people working there and living in another town (need document from employer), urgent medical situation, returning to home address, taking care of members of family.</p>	<p>-Office: open, work on schedule, 1 person per office maximum.</p> <p>-2/3 of staff work from home.</p> <p>-Other measures: frequent cleaning; disinfection and protection equipment for all available.</p> <p>-Weekly videoconference of the Managing Board.</p>	<p>Active communication and lobbying with central government on LGs' problems/ issues implementing the measures.</p> <p>-All information concerning the COVID-19 and measures at national level are uploaded on NAMRB's website and sent by email to all Mayors.</p> <p>-Viber group for Mayors – sending most important news from central government, including links, important information and Q&A possibility.</p> <p>-Keeping a special section on NAMRB's website for measures (practices) of municipalities: https://www.namrb.org/news</p> <p>-NAMRB offers free consultations or preparation of projects of municipalities under the new Patronage Care Programme.</p> <p>-NAMRB collects data from municipalities to ensure access to the Information System for Coordination and Control of People under Quarantine</p> <p>- NAMRB Managing board requested that the Association prepares an analysis of the</p>

-Gathering limitations: gatherings generally are not allowed. Not more than two persons aged over 60 are allowed at one place. Two meters distance at all public places for all.

All citizens are obliged to wear face masks in public areas (incl. public transport, shops, parks, streets, religious temples, etc.)

-Key economy measures:

4.5 billion BGN

-1 billion BGN for the engagement of the government to cover 60% of the salaries and social security taxes of employees of companies that were forced to close their businesses in an effort to keep this people employed.

- Increase of capital of Bulgarian Bank for Development with 500 million BGN - as guarantee for the business credits from commercial banks.

- Increase of capital of Bulgarian Bank for Development with 200 million BGN - as guarantee for interest-free credits up to 1 500 BGN (per month; for 3 months maximum) for people in unpaid leave.

- 600 million BGN from taxes and fees paid by citizens and business that will not be

reflection of the COVID-19 crisis on the budgets of the municipalities, gathering data for the period 13 March – 30 April 2020 and comparing it to 2019, both for the revenue and expenditure. The analysis has to be presented by 15 May 2020.

- NAMRB prepared 3 letters related to the decreased revenues and increased expenditures in the municipal budgets:

To the Chairwoman of the National Assembly for preventing the adoption of exemption from payment of municipal taxes and fees of certain categories of legal and physical persons;

To the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance for ensuring financial support to municipalities through interest-free loans and other measures;

To the Minister of Environment and Waters for ensuring more flexibility and enlarging the scope of eligible expenditure that can be covered by the deductions from Waste Collection Fee that municipalities transfer to the state, as well as exemption from payment of these deductions for the time of the state of emergency and 6 months after that.

	<p>paid to the state budget on time and their payment is deferred until end of June 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 500 million BGN for salaries for overtime hours in the system of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defence.- 50 million BGN for the poorest pensioners for Easter.- 20 million BGN for social patronage care. <p>234 million BGN from EU funding are redirected for measures to fight COVID-19. The Fund of Funds mobilised 400 million BGN in response to the economic consequences of the crisis.</p> <p>With the amendment of the State Budget Law the government of Bulgaria can increase its government debt from 2.2 billion BGN to 10 billion BGN if needed.</p> <p>Tax reliefs for business – postponed submission of tax declarations and deferral of tax payments till June 2020.</p> <p>Loans payment deferment for up to 6 months.</p> <p>Food chain stores to provide space for local producers in an effort to support regional agricultural sector.</p> <p>Support for artists and persons working in the cultural and creative industry ensured under the National Culture Fund - creative scholarships of BGN 720 (360 euro) for up</p>		
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		<p>to 3 months.</p> <p>Other measures: From 21 April planned surgeries, children immunizations and women medical consultations are restored.</p> <p>“School Milk” and “School Fruits” Programmes are restored (they were not operational since the state of emergency). Packages of fruits, vegetables, cheese and yellow cheese will be distributed to the children and their parents organized by the school administration.</p> <p>Free information phone line for patients with chronic diseases started as of 22 April. Doctors-volunteers will consult free of charge on the phone by the end of May.</p>		
sNALAS Secretariat			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Office closed, work from home. -Online meetings and webinars. -All activities of the 2020 Work Plan adjusted to the new circumstances. -Online CLO meeting, General Assembly, Knowledge Management Meeting, Task Force meetings. 	<p>-The traditional NALAS Digest has been transformed into an exchange platform for good practices of local governments in South East Europe and their Associations in combating Covid-19. It is a weekly edition, the last one available here: https://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=e2fcd60ad8f04210f9e8a5699&id=c1f1f9047e</p> <p>-Weekly Covid-19 Update for NALAS members, including information about the situation, official measures and activities by NALAS member LGAs.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NALAS Quick Response service is following the trending topics and already had an inquiry for collecting data on financing Covid-19 measures. -As part of NALAS e-Academy, an ongoing e-learning course in Disaster Risk Management (DRM). -Series of webinars in DRM in cooperation with the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE). -Membership in the CEMR Covid Task Force -Presentations at CEMR Platforma webinar
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