

Idea: SOS grant

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Area number: 17

General information (only if existing or planned)

Country name:	Slovakia	
Region:	East Slovakia region	
City :	Prešov	
Public organisation responsible	In national language	Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny Slovenskej republiky
	In English	Ministry of labour, social affairs and family of the Slovak Republic Implemented by Labor office, social affairs and family in Prešov region
Department (if any)	n/a	
Address:	Bratislava/Prešov region	
www:	https://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/ministerstvo/poskytovanie-dotacii/archiv/2020/sos-dotacie.html https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/sos-dotacia-dotacia-na-podporu-humanitarnej-pomoci-pre-fyzicku-osobu-podla-3-nariadenia-vlady-sr-c.-103-2020-z.-z.-o-niektoroch-opatreniach-v-oblasti-dotacii-v-posobnosti-ministerstva-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny-sr-v-case-mimori.html?page_id=1037747	
Public organisation representative:	The case has been prepared with VIA Magna restaurant, Wine Museum and AG Gallery consultation.	

Idea description

Title:	SOS grant
Idea objective	The goal of the initiative is to secure the local economy in the time of crisis by grant supporting local companies. The expected positive effect on a local level is achieved by distributing funds to inhabitants: self – employed persons or employee’s during crisis which is the time of an emergency. This initiative is trusted to stimulate local consumption and keep the employment rates.
Sharing process (max 1000 characters)	<p>The initiative’s grants were distributed by a local labour office. A grant could not exceed EUR 1 800 in any given financial year. In order to receive funds, applicant had to send the completed and signed application by post or electronically in the region of his registered address.</p> <p>From the local perspective, the funding was distributed to inhabitants by the criteria of localisation and confirmed no income (or close to none). In fact, part of them were entrepreneurs, whereas the other were employees of the local companies.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIA MAGNA Restaurant: the financial resources from the grant enabled the owner to keep the employees for the time of restrictions, where remote work cannot be applied. The salaries were paid from the SOS grant during the lockdowns. ● Wine Museum: had to be closed due to the restrictions. SOS grant enabled the Museum to wait out the time where it could not operate and back to their regular activity during safer period.
Restrictions/rules (law, skills, time, other)	<p>Technical infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Labour Office or other public institution with competences. ● Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective online registration system with application form.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation mechanisms of formal criteria (income). <p>Knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge about economic situation of local companies. ● Competences to communicate in a short time. ● Competences in organisation of application, evaluation and funding distribution processes. ● Competences to promote local consumption.
Procedures (if applicable)	n/a
Costs for public institutions (if applicable)	<p>Types (categories) of costs to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Costs of organisation and maintenance of the tool. ● Cost of SOS Grants (from the local budget or a regional/national sources – depending from companies situation).
Expected result (if possible)	<p>Initiative / tool organisation dimension (what kind of added-value the initiative / tool brings for the implementing organization?):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Grant initiative supported getting worse social and economic situation on local level and help avoid basic problems with access to funds for living of local inhabitants. <p>Beneficiaries dimension (what kind of added-value the initiative / tool brings for the Target Group members?):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimalizing negative effect of decreasing consumption in the local level. ● The protection and keeping active job positions in local companies.