



COVID-19 EU PolicyWatch

Database of national-level responses

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Overview of measures by country

Spain

Eurofound has identified 35 measures in Spain in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most cases fall into the category **Measures to prevent social hardship** with 10 cases (29%). The data collection to date started in March 2020, with the next main update scheduled for July 2020.

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Legislation or other statutory regulation	03 February 2020	Targeted social security measures for permanent seasonal workers Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Direct subsidies (full or partial)
	12 March 2020	Periods of isolation assimilated into accidents at work in terms of economic benefits Income protection beyond short-time work: Paid sick leave
	17 March 2020	Extension of protection for unemployment benefits Income protection beyond short-time work: Income support for unemployed
	17 March 2020	Contingency fund to protect the elderly dependent, disabled and homeless persons Measures to prevent social hardship: Protection of vulnerable groups (beyond employment support)
	17 March 2020	Right to flexible working time and reduction of working hours for workers with care responsibilities Income protection beyond short-time work: Support for parents and carers (financial or in kind)
	18 March 2020	Guarantee of water and energy supply to vulnerable consumers Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
	18 March 2020	Remote work should be implemented whenever it is possible Protection of workers at the workplace: Teleworking arrangements, remote working
	18 March 2020	Mortgage debt moratorium Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
	18 March 2020	Income protection for self-employed workers and freelancers affected by the state of emergency Income protection beyond short-time work: Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme

18 March 2020	Flexibilisation of temporary adjustment of business activities to avoid layoffs Employment protection and retention: Income support for people in employment (e.g. short-time work)
18 March 2020	Exemption from payment of social contributions by companies in case of temporary collective dismissal or use of reduced working time schemes Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Direct subsidies (full or partial)
18 March 2020	Unemployment benefit guarantee in case of temporary collective dismissal or reduced working time Employment protection and retention: Income support for people in employment (e.g. short-time work)
18 March 2020	Automatic extension of unemployment benefits Income protection beyond short-time work: Income support for unemployed
18 March 2020	Financing programme granted by the state through financial entities to companies and the self-employed Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Access to finance
18 March 2020	New insurance coverage line for export-oriented SMEs Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Access to finance
20 March 2020	Interruption of the calculation of the maximum duration of temporary contracts Employment protection and retention: Income support for people in employment (e.g. short-time work)
27 March 2020	Prohibition of objective dismissals Employment protection and retention: Changes to dismissal law or employment protection legislation
27 March 2020	Measures to speed up the processing and payment of unemployment benefits Employment protection and retention: Income support for people in employment (e.g. short-time work)
27 March 2020	Changed rules concerning the adoption of agreements in the case of temporary collective dismissals or reduction of working time for cooperatives Protection of workers at the workplace: Changes of working hours or work arrangements
30 March 2020	Recoverable paid leave Employment protection and retention: Working time flexibility
31 March 2020	Suspension of the eviction procedure for vulnerable households without housing alternatives Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	Extraordinary extension of the rental contracts for habitual residence Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	Rent debt moratorium and access to financing for payment of rental debt Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	New aid programme to help vulnerable groups in regular home rentals Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home

31 March 2020	Inclusion of women experiencing gender violence in housing programmes Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	Extension of social housing programmes Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	Access to reduced supplies' prices for self-employed through the so-called social bonus Measures to prevent social hardship: Keeping a safe home
31 March 2020	Extension of the extraordinary subsidy for lack of activity to domestic workers Income protection beyond short-time work: Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
31 March 2020	Exceptional unemployment benefit for employees with temporary contracts Income protection beyond short-time work: Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
31 March 2020	Moratorium on social security contributions for companies and self-employed workers Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Deferral of payments
31 March 2020	Flexibility of processes for obtaining credits from the General Secretariat for Industry and SMEs, and the payment of interest Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Access to finance
31 March 2020	Refund of expenses and granting of aid for cancellation of international trade promotion activities and other international events Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Direct subsidies (full or partial)
31 March 2020	Suspension of interest payments from tourist companies for loans from the EMPRENETUR programme Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Deferral of payments
07 April 2020	Easing the temporary and flexible hiring of workers in agriculture Ensuring business continuity and support for essential services: Smoothing frictions or reallocation of workers
14 April 2020	Deferral of all April monthly tax statements for SMEs and self-employed Supporting businesses to stay afloat: Deferral of payments

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