

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE BANKING MEASURES

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In response to the outbreak of the Covid-19 Coronavirus, the Government announced an initial series of measures to help businesses, including :

- Support from the State and the Banque de France to negotiate with its bank a rescheduling of bank loans,
- The mobilization of BPIFRANCE to guarantee the bank lines of credit that companies may need as a result of the epidemic.

1. Negotiate with its bank a rescheduling of bank credits

In its press release of 15 March 2020, the French Banking Federation announced «**a total mobilisation of French banks**» with simple and concrete modalities to serve companies:

- implementation of accelerated credit appraisal procedures for tight cash flow situations, within 5 days and special attention for emergency situations;
- deferral of loan repayments for companies for up to six months;
- elimination of penalties and additional costs for deferrals and credit deferrals for businesses.

Some banks have already taken proactive measures with regard to their customers.

We invite you to contact your usual contacts without delay to see how these measures can be implemented, in particular :

- **the postponement of the maturities of medium and long-term loans by up to 6 months,**
- **the implementation of short-term cash facilities in connection with the support measures announced by BPIFRANCE (see below)** - the banks have undertaken to respond within 5 business days.

Regional «rebound» measures - the terms and conditions of which are currently being clarified - should be set up quickly with repayable cash advances of between €30 and 300 K without interest. We will keep you informed of further details.

2. The support measures taken by BPIFRANCE

BPIFRANCE has activated a support plan for the affected VSEs and SMEs. Businesses can obtain information directly on these exceptional measures designed to support them, thanks to the toll-free number set up: **0 969 370 240**

In particular, the following are provided for :

- the granting of the BPIFRANCE guarantee, which has seen its share increased from 70% to 90% (announcement by Minister Bruno Lemaire on 12/03/2020), for cash loans granted by French private banks to companies affected by the consequences of the Covid-19 Coronavirus;
- the extension of traditional guarantees for investment loans, to accompany the restructuring carried out by the banks, without management fees;
- the restructuring of medium and long-term loans for BPIFRANCE customers, upon request motivated by the context.