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## Executive Summary

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***Alert No. 253: Campania Region gives non-refundable grants for short sea shipping companies and seasonal passenger transport drivers.***

The Campania Region has issued two **management Decrees** to support local public maritime transport and seasonal workers operating in the territory.

***Non-refundable grants provided to short sea shipping operators.***

With the [Decree No. 29/2020](#), the Regional Authority has allocated **€ 900,000** for local maritime public transport companies having authorisations to provide annual maritime link services to the islands of the Gulf of Naples – NACE Code 50.10.00 – which, despite the *lockdown* measures adopted, also for the short sea shipping, starting from regional Order No. 14 of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and up to regional Order No. 48 of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, continued to operate ensuring (even during the months of the maximum health emergency crisis) territorial continuity with the islands of the Gulf.

The amount of the **non-repayable grant is determined at € 40 for each mile travelled during the months of maximum health crisis alert**, in the period between 12<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, and is in any case **recognizable up to a maximum of € 150,000.00**.

The application, completed in accordance with the form in **Annex 1** of the above-mentioned Decree, **must be submitted exclusively online, from 10.00 a.m. on June 24, 2020 to 10.00 a.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**, using the appropriate [platform](#), section *Notice of Call for Sea Companies*".

***Seasonal driver's bonus allocated.***

With the [Decree No. 133/2020](#), the Region has allocated **€ 5 Million** to grant an extraordinary **one-off compensation equal to € 1,000** to people who have worked with a fixed-term contract, of a seasonal nature, in the maritime, air and land passenger transport sector.

In particular, beneficiaries are admitted on condition that:

- they have had a fixed-term employment relationship, of a seasonal nature, terminated for reasons not attributable to the worker, in the period between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, and even if they are currently recipients of unemployment benefits;
- the duration of the employment relationship during that period was at least thirty days;

- are not in receipt of a pension or other employment relationship (fixed-term or permanent) on the date of application;
- NACE codes for seasonal drivers also include 50.10 (maritime and coastal passenger transport).

To access the payment measure you must send, as in this case, a specific application during the **period between 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020** with the procedures indicated in the relevant Decree.

We also inform you that our special purpose company “**Oltremare**”, is available to offer assistance in preparing such an application. A [detailed information sheet](#) published on the website [www.oltremareservizi.it](http://www.oltremareservizi.it) is available for consultation.

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### ***Alert No. 254: The “Quarterly Note on Employment Trends” for the first quarter of 2020 is published.***

The Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (“Ministry of Labour”) announces that the [Quarterly Note](#) on **Employment Trends** for the first quarter of 2020, prepared together with the Italian National Statistics Institute (“ISTAT”), the National Social Welfare Institution (“INPS”), the National Institute for Insurance Against Industrial Injuries (“INAIL”) and the National Agency for Active Labour Policies (“ANPAL”), has been published.

Compared to the previous reviews, this survey is characterized by an in-depth analysis of the **trend of daily flows of hiring and termination of employment** (the so-called “*Mandatory Revised Communications*”), in order to account for the effects of the health emergency caused by COVID-19.

As can be seen from the related *press release*<sup>1</sup>, published on the official *website* of the Ministry of Labour, since the last week of February, in fact, the employment trend shows a sharp decline in levels of economic activity, with the GDP in the last quarter marked at a decrease of 5.3%.

The overall employment picture shows that, during the period considered, employment was “*slightly down on the previous quarter and up on an annual basis*”.

In particular, with regard to cyclical terms, the Note states, that: “*the growth in employment on a MC basis, although slowed down, continues to affect permanent positions (+94 thousand in one year), while fixed-term positions are falling again (-31 thousand). These trends continue to be influenced by the large number of permanent transformations (+164 thousand)*”.

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### ***Alert No. 255: EU funding for the transport of medical items, medical teams and patients.***

The European Commission, through a dedicated *press release*<sup>2</sup> published on its institutional *website*, informs that **Member States may apply for additional funding** using the Emergency Support Facility for the transport of essential goods, medical teams and coronavirus patients.

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<sup>1</sup> See the *press release* of the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies available at the following link: <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/diffusa-oggi-nota-trimestrale-sulle-tendenze-dell-occupazione-per-il-primo-trimestre-2020.aspx/>

<sup>2</sup> See the relevant *press release* of the Italian Representative of the European Commission available at the following link: [https://ec.europa.eu/italy/news/20200618\\_coronavirus\\_finanziamenti\\_dell\\_UE\\_per\\_il\\_trasporto\\_beni\\_prima\\_necessita\\_it](https://ec.europa.eu/italy/news/20200618_coronavirus_finanziamenti_dell_UE_per_il_trasporto_beni_prima_necessita_it)

This funding is in addition to the supporting measures already available through the Union's Civil Protection Mechanism and the provision of protection equipment by *rescEU*.

In this context, therefore, **EUR 220 Million** have been made available for:

- the transport of medical equipment to where it is most needed, by financing the transport of relief supplies and assistance to EU Member States;
- the transfer of patients between EU Member States or between Member States and neighbouring countries, whose health services are at risk of being inadequate, ensuring care for as many people as possible;
- the transport of medical staff and mobile medical teams between Member States and from other neighbouring countries to help people where medical care is most needed.

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