

# The Catalan Government Approves Four Decree-Laws with urgent fiscal, social and cultural measures to mitigate the effects of the pandemic



**Minister of the Presidency and Government spokesperson, Meritxell Budó:**  
 “This package of measures is an example of the central effort this Government is carrying out to alleviate the negative effects of the pandemic”.



## Decree-law of urgent fiscal measures

### Objectives

- Protect workers with greater job insecurity: temporarily suspended workers, unemployed or chaining several contracts.
- To respond to the economic difficulties of the tourism sector in Catalonia.

### Measures

#### 1. Regional deduction in personal income tax for the lowest incomes/wages

- It is a regional deduction of personal income tax equivalent to the difference between the full Catalan quota and the full state quota, provided that this difference is positive.
- It prevents these workers from being penalized when filing their income tax return.
- It could benefit about 250,000 people throughout Catalonia.
- It affects workers who during 2020:
  - Have earned a gross annual income ranging from €14,000 and €22,000.
  - Have worked for several companies or have received their salary both from the company and the state as a subsidys.
- It means a loss of income for the Catalan Government of about M€16.3

#### 2. Postponement of the increase in the tax on stays in tourist establishments

- The entry into force of the tax increase and the application of the surcharge in the city of Barcelona is postponed until 1 June 2021.
- The measure represents an additional loss of €2.9 million in relation to the current situation.



## Decree-law to increase the protection of groups most vulnerable to evictions

### Objectives

- The second decree-law approved strengthens the protection of the most vulnerable groups against possible evictions while the state of alarm lasts or any other restriction of mobility for health reasons is in force, the government spokesperson Meritxell Budó explained.

### Measures

- The ban on evictions of vulnerable people without alternative housing will be extended during the period of the state of alarm or a measure that involves restrictions on freedom of movement for health reasons.
- It does not affect tenants of flats owned by small homeowners.
- It affects large holders or financial institutions when they fail to comply with the legal obligation to make a social rental proposal.
- The situation of vulnerability needs to be proven by a report from the relevant social services.



## Social measures worth €102.6million

### Objectives

- Strengthen the social services system and care for various professional groups especially affected by the health crisis.

### Measures

€3,6M

**Economic aids for professionals and technicians of arts, visual arts, music, audio-visual and other cultural activities suspended due to the health crisis**

- Subsidy of €750
- Those who have earned €18,555 or less between January and September will be eligible

€35M

**Increase of rates for the elderly, disabled and children**

- €20 M for the elderly
- €7.5 M for the disabled
- €7.5 M for the children

€100

**Extraordinary supplement for foster families of minors under guardianship**

- It affects fosters that started between March 13 and December 31, 2020, regardless of their duration

€20M

**Subsidies for freelancers**

- €2,000 in a single payment
- It will benefit up to 10,000 freelancers

€3,5M

**Temporary and extraordinary compensation to pay the extra costs of children's organizations for Covid-19**

€40,5M

**Reinforcement to face the increase in guaranteed income applications**



## Subsidies of €8.4M for culture

### Objectives

- To give an urgent answer to prevent the country's cultural system from going bankrupt and to continue working to build a solid and cohesive society both socially and territorially.

### Measures

#### 1. Line of subsidies from the Catalan Institute of Cultural Enterprises

- €4,7M to compensate the running costs of companies and cultural entities during the health crisis.

#### 2. Subsidies from the Office for Support to Cultural Initiatives

- €3,7M to compensate for the losses due to the cancellation of shows and cultural activities.