



AWS COVID-19 INVESTMENT PREMIUM

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Overview

Covid-19 Investment Premium

- ▶ **Objective:** To encourage companies to invest in fixed assets during and after the Covid 19 crisis
- ▶ **Processing:** Austria Wirtschaftsservice
- ▶ **Legal Basis:** The aid programme is being implemented as a 'general measure' and is not subject to EU State Aid Law. A combination with national funding instruments is permissible and is not to be seen as cumulation in the sense of the State Aid Law.

Applicants for funding

- ▶ Existing and newly founded companies of all industries and sizes

Eligible costs

- ▶ Tangible and intangible new investments requiring capitalisation (including used equipment and MA)
- ▶ For which an application is submitted to aws between 1 September 2020 and 28 February 2021
- ▶ Excluded are investments with first measures for investments before 1 August 2020
- ▶ In any case, the investment must be started before 1 March 2021.

Type and amount of funding

- ▶ Subsidy of 7% of new investments
- ▶ 14% for new investments in the areas of greening, climate protection, digitisation and health

WHO CAN BE FUNDED?

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Eligible are...

- ▶ companies as defined in § 1 UGB* (thus e.g. exclusion of purely asset-managing GmbH).
- ▶ companies of all sizes and industries.
- ▶ with headquarters and/or a permanent establishment in Austria.
- ▶ which are lawfully operated in their own name and on their own account.

Excluded are...

- ▶ “government units” with the identifier S.13 (except those competing with other UN agencies operating in the marketplace and not performing government functions).
- ▶ companies or firms with pending insolvency proceedings or meeting the requirements for the opening of insolvency proceedings.
- ▶ companies that violate the Federal Act on the Import, Export and Transit of War Material, Federal Law Gazette 540/1977 as amended** or the Security Control Act 2013, Federal Law Gazette No. 42/2013 as amended*** or other Austrian legal provisions, the violation of which is punishable by law.

* Federal law on special civil law provisions for companies (Unternehmensgesetzbuch - UGB) StF: dRGBL. S 219/1897 (GBlÖ No. 86/1939)

** Federal law of 18 October 1977 on the import, export and transit of war material (War Material Act - KMG)

*** Federal Act on the Establishment of a Security Control System, the Security of Nuclear Material and Installations and on Export Control to Ensure the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Security Control Act 2013 - SCC 2013)

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

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Eligible are...

- ▶ new investments in depreciable fixed assets at Austrian business premises of a company.
- ▶ min. investment volumes per application EUR 5,000 (excl. VAT), max. Investment volume per UN or group EUR 50 mio. (excl. VAT)



New investments are...

- ▶ capitalizable investments in tangible and intangible assets of depreciable fixed assets that have not yet been capitalized in the company or group in the fixed assets or list of fixed assets or (e.g. income-expenditure account)
- ▶ investments in assets which are included for the first time in the taxable fixed assets register.
- ▶ used goods, provided that they are newly acquired for the investing enterprise or within the group.

Application:

1 September 2020 - 28 February 2021

Investment period:

1 August 2020 - 28 February 2022

First measures*:

In connection with the investment, first measures must be taken between 1 August 2020 and 28 February 2021.

** First measures are orders, sales contracts, deliveries, the start of services, down payments, payments, invoices or the start of construction. Planning services, obtaining official approvals and financing discussions are not considered to be first measures. Commissioning and payment of the investments must be made by 28 February 2022 at the latest. If the investment volume > EUR 20 million (excl. VAT), commissioning and payment must be made by 28 February 2024 at the latest. These periods are not extendable.*

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

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NOT eligible are...

- ▶ climate-damaging investments*.
 - ▶ investments for which initial measures were taken before 1 August 2020 or after 28 February 2021.
 - ▶ own work capitalized.
 - ▶ lease-financed investments, unless they are capitalized in the applicant company.
 - ▶ costs that are not related to a business investment (e.g. private shares as part of the investment costs).
 - ▶ the acquisition of buildings, shares in buildings (e.g. business premises)**.
- ▶ the purchase of land.
 - ▶ construction and extension of residential buildings (for sale or rent to private individuals).
 - ▶ acquisitions or takeover of companies.
 - ▶ acquisitions of participations, other company shares or goodwill.
 - ▶ financial assets.
 - ▶ value added tax.



* Investment in the construction or expansion of facilities for the extraction, transport or storage of fossil fuels and the construction of facilities that directly use fossil fuels. "Direct use" means a technical-functional connection with the installation. Direct use does not include the effects of the installation on overall structures. For further details and restrictions see guideline point 5.4.

** Excluded is the direct acquisition (purchase or manufacture) of buildings by authorised persons as defined in § 117 Para. 4 GewO 1994.

WHAT IS THE SUBSIDY AMOUNT?

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The subsidy takes the form of non-repayable, tax-free grants (other financial aid under private law within the meaning of Article 2(3) of ARR 2014).

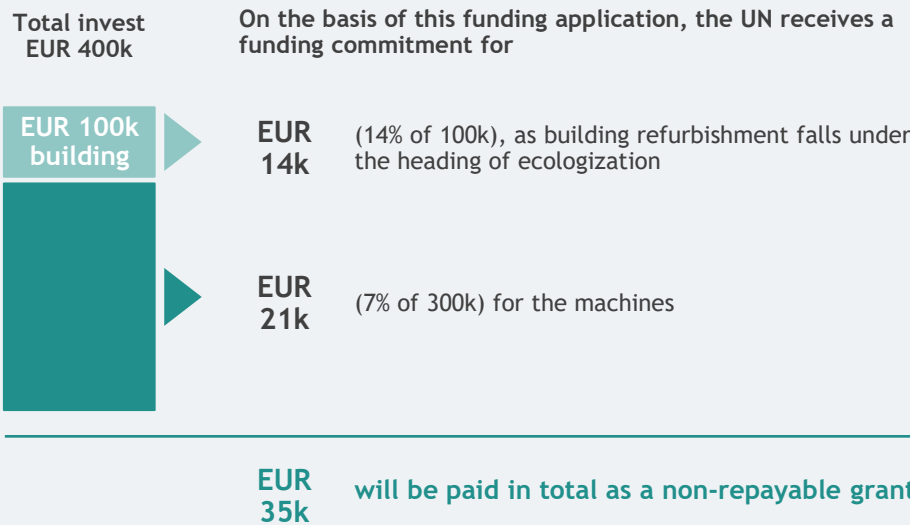
The subsidy amounts to **7% of the acquisition costs** (pursuant to § 203 (2) UGB or § 6 Z 1 EStG) of the eligible investments.

For investments in the following areas the **subsidy is 14%**

- ▶ Ecologization/climate protection
- ▶ Digitization
- ▶ Health

Example

UN awards the contract for thermal building refurbishment for EUR 100k in autumn 2020 and purchases machines for EUR 300k.



WHAT WILL A SUBSIDY OF 14% BE GRANTED FOR?

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Ecologization/Climate protection

Investments in...

1. heat pumps
2. biomass individual plants and micro networks
3. connection to local/district heating
4. zhermal solar systems incl. large-scale systems thermal building refurbishment
5. energy saving in companies
6. air conditioning and cooling waste heat extraction
7. local heating supply based on renewable energy sources
8. innovative local heating networks
9. electricity producing plants in island locations
10. biomass combined heat and power and wood gas production for self-sufficiency
11. energetic use of biogenic raw and residual materials
12. production of biogenic fuels and combustibles
13. renewable hydrogen and renewable gases Air pollution control
14. recycling management - raw materials management
15. environmentally sound management of hazardous waste
16. recycling management - Waste
17. photovoltaic systems and electricity storage
18. green power plants
19. promotion of electromobility
20. other alternative, fossil-free drives cycling and mobility management
21. water saving
22. protection of biodiversity

For details see regulation attachment [1](#)

Digitization

Investments in...

1. digital infrastructure and technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, 3D printing, blockchain and big data
2. the digitization of business models and processes, Industry 4.0
3. the introduction or improvement of IT and cybersecurity measures and processes as well as the development of information security management (including measures in the course of data protection)
4. e-commerce (e.g. digital transformation of the sales and distribution process, the introduction and further development of digital B2B or B2C applications or implementation of innovative and data-based online strategies, development of professional internet presence and booking platforms)
5. home office possibilities and mobile working
6. digital administration (e.g. introduction of digital signature, use of e-invoices, setting up new interfaces to administration tools, USP connection, electronic procurement processes, etc.)

For details see regulation attachment [2](#)

Health

Investments in...

1. plants for the development and production of pharmaceutical products for human and veterinary medicine
2. plants for the production of goods that are of strategic importance in pandemics

For details see regulation attachment [3](#)



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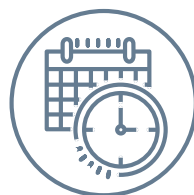
HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR SUBSIDY?

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Submit application
1 Sept 2020 - 28 Feb 2021
foerdermanager.aws.at

I



**Implementation period
for new investments**
1 Aug 2020 - 28 Feb 2022*

III



Settlement
within three months of
commissioning and payment

IV

II
**aws review & grant
agreement**
within 2 - 3 days



Disbursement

Investment volume > EUR 20 mio.:
interim payment possible upon
proof of implementation of at
least 50% of the eligible
investment volume

V
Aws disbursement
Subsidy immediately after settlement
check (one-off payment)



** If the investment volume exceeds EUR 20 million (excl. VAT), the commissioning and payment of the investments must be made by 28 February 2024 at the latest. These periods are not extendable.*

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We are happy to help you with the application and, if you wish, we can also carry out a subsidy check with regard to other possible subsidies for your investment.



