



IDEA anti COVID-19 # 3

Helping companies to maintain employment: fast, simple, economically meaningful¹

(short recommendation)

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Summary

This recommendation describes the basic characteristics of deferring the due date for payment of employers' social security and health insurance contributions from their employees' salaries, as one of a range of necessary measures that the Czech government should bring into force as quickly as possible in order to reduce the negative economic impact of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic on companies, employees and residents and to shorten the domestic economy's future period of consolidation. The measure is in line with the recommendations in the study [*IDEA anti COVID-19 #2*](#) study, which emphasises the significance of bringing in measures quickly and targeting them at the survival of well-established economic structures during the most difficult period.

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