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€1 billion unlocked from EFSI (European Fund for Strategic Investments) under the **COSME Loan Guarantee Facility** and the **InnovFin SME Guarantee** under Horizon 2020 The guarantees will be offered through the EIF (European Investment Fund) to the market. SMEs will be able to apply directly to their local banks and lenders participating in the scheme, which will be listed on www.access2finance.eu

EU countries use looser **state aid rules** to uphold troubled firms
https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/economy/state-aid-cases_en

Coronavirus: **EU global response** to fight the pandemic
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_604

EC Recommendation to develop a common EU approach for the **use of mobile applications and mobile data** in response to the coronavirus pandemic
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_626

The **EBRD** and the coronavirus pandemic
<https://www.ebrd.com/what-we-do/coronavirus>

EIB Group to scale up economic response to COVID-19 crisis
<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2020-094-eib-group-moves-to-scale-up-economic-response-to-covid-19-crisis>
<https://www.eib.org/en/about/initiatives/covid-19-response/index.htm>

CEN (European Committee for Standardization) and **CENELEC** (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) implement the 'Flexible Standards Development Process'. The duration of the two stages for the Technical Committee(TC) work becomes flexible to help the TCs better plan their work, especially under the current difficulties
https://www.cencenelec.eu/News/Brief_News/Pages/TN-2020-019.aspx

Coronavirus: European **Solidarity** in action

https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/coronavirus-european-solidarity-action_en



The **EFCA** Barometer Task Group carried out a '**COVID-19**' survey (2-6 April). Responses from 20 national associations provide an overview of the **impact on the firms and sectors**, and **national measures**

<https://www.efcanet.org/news/efca-corona-survey-i>



ACEI (Ireland) created a Coronavirus Information page on their website containing legal guides for companies ([Covid-19 news area](#)) and developed a new 2 page newsletter for members, *ConsultA*

APPC (Portugal) is conducting a regular survey on the key issues the companies are facing and the firms' views on the near future

FIDIC COVID 19 Webinar Series: <https://fidic.org/node/29213>

FIEC overview: COVID-19 construction-related measures in the various EU Member States

<http://www.fiec.eu/en/cust/documentview.aspx?UID=70d13a9e-07a5-4407-b6d6-e4dd8939b9c0>

McKinsey & Company: Coronavirus: Leading through the crisis

<https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/coronavirus-leading-through-the-crisis?cid=other-eml-alt-mip-mck&hlkid=b097410affa84ba9bfc51882c30b67d8&hctky=3053443&hdpid=50056e1f-1960-4ae3-b9a3-ff33b5ea692e>