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Measures for financing from European funds of certain national programs

On June 11, 2020, the Emergency Ordinance no. 94/2020 regarding certain measures for financing from European funds of certain national programs (“**GEO no. 94/2020**”) was published in the Official Gazette of Romania Part. I, no. 496. GEO no. 94/2020 provides the general framework for the approval of financing from European funds of national programs related to specific areas.

General framework regarding approval of financing from European funds of certain national programs

Areas covered by GEO no. 94/2020

GEO no. 94/2020 regulates the general framework regarding the approval of financing from European funds of national programs related to the following areas:

- a) integration on the labor market of the social categories considered a priority at the national level;
- b) supporting entrepreneurship, social economy structures and other business initiatives of the business sector;
- c) digitization of activities carried out by the business environment, including the development of digital skills of the workforce;
- d) active employment measures;
- e) active measures for the development of community assistance services for the elderly;
- f) investments in the areas of research, development and innovation.

The national programs that are subject to approval in accordance with GEO no. 94/2020 will have to comply with a set of conditions expressly provided by it, and the verification of their fulfillment will be made by the managing authority for the operational program, in which the projects included in the national program in question are proposed for financing.

Establishing the national programs with European funding and their value

The national programs with financing from European funds are established and approved through a Government Decision, at the proposal of the Ministry of European Funds and of the ministries that have attributions in the areas of implementation.

In determining the **value of the national programs**, the funds available for this purpose from the budget of the operational program shall be taken into account, as well as the national contribution from the state budget/local budgets and the ineligible expenditures to be financed.

Conditions regarding the beneficiaries of the project and coverage of exceeding the maximum limits

The beneficiaries of the projects funded under the national program included in funding from European funds **must have the necessary administrative and financial capacity** to ensure the implementation of the projects.

The coverage of possible **exceedances of the maximum limits** that can be borne by the allocations of the operational programs through the legal mechanism of over-contracting, as a result of the inclusion in financing of certain national programs, is ensured from the state budget.

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