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LEGAL REVIEW

OF THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS
IN RELATION TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES FROM
THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS



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I. INTRODUCTION

The present document represents a general analysis of the main regulations and amendments, introduced by the Emergency Act Regarding the Measures and Safeguards During the State of Emergency declared by the National Assembly of Bulgaria with its Resolution from March 13th, 2020 („the Emergency Act“ or “the Act”) as published in State Gazette, issue 28 of March 24th, 2020 (special issue).

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II. AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES FROM THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Until the state of emergency is lifted, the management authorities of the resources from the European Structural and Investment Funds are entitled to:

- unilaterally modify contracts for financial support through grants in accordance with the need for crisis measures, including to increase the amount of the contracted grant;
- extend grants under simplified rules, including without the publication of a call for proposals;
- increase the overall resource for operations beyond those approved by the monitoring committee under the schemes eligible for emergency measures;
- at the discretion of the head of the relevant management authority, certain deadlines in the procedure of direct grant award may be shortened;
- the monitoring committee of the respective program may decide in absentia on all matters within its competence.

We are looking forward to assisting you further, including for statements with the described topics.

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