

Funds for Unforeseen Events

The budget programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" (hereafter – FUE) is intended for unplanned expenditures resulting from for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses caused thereby, if there is a failure to comply with contractual obligations and a fine or interest payment is charged from the partner, and other unforeseen events and measures significant at the national level. Local government is granted funds for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses and damage caused to municipal property or infrastructure owned by the municipality, as well as unforeseen events defined in legal $acts^1$.

Funds from the FUE programme are requested by ministries or other government funded central state institutions. The funds required for subordinate institutions, entrepreneurs or other legal persons are requested by line ministries. The Ministry of Regional Protection and Regional Development (hereafter – MEPRD) makes requests on behalf of municipalities.

Requests are reviewed by the Cabinet of Ministers. In exceptional circumstances when funds have to be granted immediately and the request cannot be reviewed at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, the decision is made by the Minister of Finance.

The law "On the state budget for 2020"², FUE has been allocated in amount of 23 479 067 euro.

Pursuant to Article 23 of the Law "On Measures to Prevent and Overcome the State Threat and its Consequences Due to the Spread of Covid-19" and Cabinet of Ministers Order No. 121 of March 25, 2020 (protocol No. 17, § 36), the LNG appropriation was increased by EUR 300 000 000 to provide funding for measures to prevent and deal with the consequences of Covid-19. In addition, an appropriation of EUR 1 493 511 was reallocated from the business trip budgets of ministries and other central state institutions to LNG.

Then, once more, pursuant to Article 23 of the Law "On Measures to Prevent and Overcome the State Threat and its Consequences Due to the Spread of Covid-19" and Cabinet of Ministers Order No. 259 of May 14, 2020 (protocol No. 12, § 12), the LNG appropriation was further increased by EUR 300 000 000 to provide funding for measures to prevent and deal with the consequences of Covid-19.

After other decisions regarding the appropriations during the 3rd and 4th quarter, the cumulative financing of program 02.00.00 "Funds for Unforeseen Events" is *697 000 002 euros*

¹ Procedures by which Funds from the Budget Programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" shall be Requested and Used. 22/12/2009, Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nr. 1644, available at: <u>http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=202948,accessed</u> on: 12/04/2020.

² Available: <u>https://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=310965</u>, accessed: 02.04.2020



Resource Allocation from FUE in the fourth quarter of 2020

In the fourth quarter of 2020, a total of **246 723 212 euros** was granted from FUE to satisfy **100 requests**.

Institution	Number of requests	Total sum
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	7	453 107
Ministry of Economics	6	13 818 913
Ministry of Finance	2	40 618 473
Ministry of the Interior	6	1 137 957
Ministry of Education and Science	8	8 194 317
Ministry of Culture	5	12 399 890
Welfare Ministry	14	42 202 001
Earmarked grants to municipalities	1	5 508 751
The Cabinet of Ministers	9	226 168
Radio and television	1	30 930
Ministry of Transport	3	48 860 728
Ministry of Justice	5	1 116 209
VARAM	1	74 441
Ministry of Health	17	46 699 380
The Ministry of Agriculture	15	25 381 947
Total:	100	246 723 212

In the fourth quarter of 2020, **100 requests above 100 000 euro** were satisfied.