

Financial measures announced by Finnish government on 17th March

- 5 bln euro further support to economy.
 - The State Pension Fund will buy 1 billion euros worth of commercial papers.
 - The government will increase Finnvera Oyj's (Export Credit Agency) capacity to guarantee working capital loans to small and medium-sized companies by 2 billion euros.
 - 1 billion euro fund to invest in corporate bonds. E.g. also about 73 million euros to stave off acute corporate funding pressures.
- Postponement option for corporate tax advance payments starting from March.
- Postponement option for pension insurance payments (Tyel and Yel) as well as easing the pension insurance company capital requirements.
- To review further measures based on the negotiations with the social parties (enclosed proposal made by parties 19th March).
- Other measures
 - Financial Supervisory Authority (FIN-FSA) decided to lower Finnish credit institutions' capital requirements. The reduction is implemented by removing the systemic risk buffer and by adjusting credit institution-specific requirements so that the structural buffer requirements of all credit institutions will fall by 1 percentage point, all in all. The decision will increase the lending capacity of the Finnish banks by around EUR 52 billion.
 - The Bank of Finland has decided to restart its activities in the domestic corporate paper markets. The size of the programme is initially EUR 500 million. The decision was announced on 15th March.