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Answer given by Ms Vestager  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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1. The decision to grant State aid lies with the relevant Member State. The Commission adopted the Temporary Framework<sup>1</sup> in March 2020 and has revised it five times to-date to enable Member States to grant aid to undertakings, including self-employed persons, who suffered a liquidity shortage during the COVID-19 outbreak.
2. The Temporary Framework contains measures that specifically refer to self-employed individuals, such as aid in form of deferrals of tax and/or of social security contributions and aid for the income of self-employed individuals for whom the adoption of national measures in response to the COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the suspension or reduction of their business activity. In any event, the Commission will continue to monitor the development of the outbreak and its economic impact and will adjust the Temporary Framework, if necessary, taking into account competition and economic considerations.

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<sup>1</sup> Communication from the Commission - Temporary framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak (OJ C 91I, 20.3.2020, p. 1), as amended by Commission Communications C(2020) 2215 (OJ C 112I, 4.4.2020, p. 1), C(2020) 3156 (OJ C 164, 13.5.2020, p. 3), C(2020) 4509 (OJ C 218, 2.7.2020, p. 3), C(2020) 7127 (OJ C 340I, 13.10.2020, p. 1) and C(2021) 564 (OJ C 34, 1.2.2021, p. 6).