

The effects of socio-economic measures in lockdown - the responsibility of the state

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Abstract

The study examines the social responsibility of the state targeting workers and businesses during the state of emergency in Bulgaria. It analyzes the main mechanisms supporting individuals and legal entities, the number of beneficiaries and the allocated public resources, as well as the effect of the measures on the social security rights of employees. A survey polling 221 workers complements the analysis. The aim is to highlight the specifics, advantages and disadvantages of pandemic management in Bulgaria. The study's findings can be used to increase the efficiency of state intervention during pandemics by making empirically-grounded adjustments to social responsibility.

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