

Support for companies affected by bad weather on 30 June 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased to follow up our meeting with representatives of your umbrella organisation, the cantonal department for the economy, tourism and innovation (SETI), the Centre de cautionnement et de financement (CCF) and the municipality on 16 December 2024.

The canton of Valais is offering various tools to help businesses affected by the bad weather on 30 June. To ensure that everyone has the same level of information, we have decided to provide you with the following information:

Reduced working hours (RHT)

Compensation for reduced working hours may be paid when a company is faced with a loss of work due to extraordinary circumstances. The loss of work due to these floods is taken into account if the company has to cease operating in whole or in part as a result of the extensive damage sustained, provided that the other conditions of entitlement are met.

The procedure to follow is described at

<https://www.vs.ch/web/intemperies/pour-les-entreprises>

Centre de Cautionnement et de Financement (CCF) (Guarantee and Financing Centre)

For SMEs whose existence is threatened, the usual possibilities of support through the resources of the Centre de Cautionnement et de Financement, essentially in the form of bridging loans, are likely to be activated, and will contribute to safeguarding the activities of the most fragile companies. However, the possibilities are limited and are aimed at family businesses.

Link to CCF

<https://www.ccf-valais.ch/fr/>

Various donations

Under certain conditions, aid from donations may be granted to small businesses that request it, according to the criteria defined by the self-help organisations, for remaining costs only. The possibility of a contribution relates to remaining costs, which correspond to the costs not covered by other sources for repairing the damage and for replacements, particularly of buildings and furniture. Business interruption may also be claimed as a residual cost.

The aim of the aid is to help people resume or re-establish a normal life following the bad weather. As a general rule, the support provided is not intended to go beyond restoring the previous situation. Contributions are subsidiary to all other sources of funding, such as payments from insurance companies or other organisations.

Beneficiaries and procedure to follow described on

<https://www.vs.ch/web/intemperies/pour-les-entreprises>

Various donations: contact person for SMEs based in Sierre (CMS)

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Please note that the cantonal Department of Economy, Tourism and Innovation (SETI) is at your disposal should you have any questions or require further information:

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