In Bulgaria, a State of Emergency is in force from 13 March until 13 April. On 24 March the State of Emergency Law was promulgated, which applies retroactively from 13 March.

Under this Law, during the State of Emergency the administrative bodies managing the European structural and investment funds can:

(i) Unilaterally change grants agreements in response to the crisis, including to increase the financial aid which was agreed on. The change must be performed in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European parliament and the council and Decision 541/2014/EC.
(ii) Grant awards under simplified rules, excluding within publication of calls for proposals.
(iii) Increase the amount under the revenue operations above that approved by the internal audit progress committee in crisis.

Non-present decisions may be adopted by the internal audit
progress committee of the relevant program.

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