**Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis**
**Update on Poland (14/07/20)**

### EBRD Policy Comparator

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### Economic channels of disruption

**Services, especially. small and micro enterprises, value chains, private consumption**
- Government launched a four stage lockdown easing on Apr 20; Shopping malls, restaurants, some services, child care facilities are reopened. Borders with all European countries with low epidemic risk are now open.
- Strong GVC integration suffering from border disruptions.
- High share of SMEs, especially micro companies, often in the hard-hit service sector.

### Crisis response measures to date

**Support for support for healthcare, workers and business liquidity**
- Furlough and preferred loans (with a grant option) for loss-making companies that keep employment. Social security breaks for micro and reductions for small companies, cash stipends for self-employed.
- Capital support (market based or state-aid) for affected large companies.
- Rate cut, liquidity provision to banks, secondary market sovereign bond buying by the NBP, elimination of the systemic risk buffer, smoothing credit losses to SMEs allowed by banking supervisor.

### Selected crisis impact indicators

**EBRD GDP growth outlook (May 2020)**
- 2020: -3.5%
- 2021: 4%

**Economic sentiment (June 2020):**
- ESI 57.6
- (up 10.7 points m/m)

**Purchasing Managers Index (June 2020):**
- 47.2
- (up 6.6 points m/m)

**Warsaw stock market (end-June 2020):**
- 1,758.6
- (up 2.1% m/m)

### Key short-term priorities

Provide liquidity to the economy, particularly SMEs, and revenue support to vulnerable workers and other individuals.

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