
ITALY SEEKS €28.5 BILLION IN EU'S SURE UNEMPLOYMENT AID

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The Italian government on Friday (7 August) approved a new stimulus package worth €28.5 billion, setting aside roughly half of that sum to support employment.

Italy extended temporary layoff schemes for up to 18 weeks, setting conditions and requiring firms not to cut jobs to qualify for state aid.

Economy Minister Roberto Gualtieri and Labour Minister Nunzia Catalfo said in a joint statement on Saturday they had written to the EU Commission asking to tap the SURE scheme.

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