

## European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on two new applications for the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF). At its February plenary the EP voted in favour of a previous application. The EGF provides one-off support to workers losing their jobs as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns.

### The European Globalisation Fund in a nutshell

The EGF was introduced in 2007 as a flexible instrument in the EU budget with the aim of providing support, under specific conditions, to workers who have lost their jobs as a result of mass redundancies caused by major changes in global trade (for instance, delocalisation to third countries). From 2007 to 2014, the EGF received [134 applications](#) and paid out €560 million in favour of 122 121 redundant workers.

### Application approved at the February plenary

The February plenary [approved](#) Belgium's application ([EGF/2015/007](#)) for the mobilisation of the EGF in connection with **412 redundancies** from the economic sector in the Hainaut and Namur provinces. The total contribution requested was **€1 095 544 (60%** of the total costs).

### Application for approval at the April plenary

The April I plenary is to vote on two applications for EGF mobilisation, summarised below:

#### *Sweden – Volvo*

The [first application](#), from Sweden, follows the dismissal of **647 workers** from Volvo Group Truck Operation, EMEA and four suppliers and downstream producers in Sweden. The total contribution requested is **€1 793 710 (60%** of the total costs).

#### *European Commission – technical assistance*

The [second application](#), from the European Commission, concerns the mobilisation of the EGF for technical assistance. According to [Regulation \(EU\) No 1309/2013](#), a maximum of **0.5%** of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be made available each year for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission. A total of **€380 000 (0.23%** of the 2016 EGF budget) is requested, to support the following activities:

Items	Estimated number	Estimated cost per item (€)	Total costs (€)
Monitoring and data gathering	Various	Various	20 000
Information activities	Various	Various	20 000
Creation of knowledge base/application interface	Various	Various	100 000
Administrative and technical support: meetings of the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF	2	35 000	70 000
Administrative and technical support: networking seminars on the implementation of the EGF	2	60 000	120 000
Evaluation	Various	50 000	50 000
<b>Total estimated costs</b>			<b>380 000</b>

In its [draft report](#) (rapporteur: Andrey Novakov, EPP, Bulgaria), Parliament's Committee on Budgets (BUDG) backs the Commission's proposed measures and recommends that, inter alia, the Commission assess the longer-term impact on the EGF; provide reliable data on the employment outcomes of the beneficiaries 12 months after implementing the measures; and include all aspects regarding the cost-efficiency of all EGF projects in the mid-term evaluation of the EGF.

