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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (application EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel from Romania) (COM(2014)0255 – C8-0088/2014 – 2014/2043(BUD))

Committee on Budgets

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## MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

**on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (application EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel from Romania)  
(COM(2014)0255 – C8-0088/2014 – 2014/2043(BUD))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2014)0255 – C8-0088/2014),
  - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund<sup>1</sup> (EGF Regulation),
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,
  - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>3</sup> (IIA of 2 December 2013), and in particular point 13 thereof,
  - having regard to trilogue procedure provided for in point 13 of the IIA of 2 December 2013,
  - having regard to the letter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,
  - having regard to the letter of the Committee on Regional Development,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0008/2014),
- A. whereas the European Union has set up legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,
- B. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard for the IIA of 2 December 2013 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the EGF,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

- C. whereas Romania submitted application EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel for a financial contribution from the EGF, following 1 513 redundancies: 1 441 during and after the reference period in Mechel Campia Turzii and 72 in Mechel Reparatii Targoviste with 1 000 workers targeted for EGF co-funded measures, during the reference period from 20 June 2012 to 20 October 2012,
- D. whereas the Romanian authorities argue that decision to make workers redundant at Mechel Campia Turzii could not have been foreseen; whereas the company put in place a number of measures to reduce staff costs, however these measures did not remedy the financial difficulties and the enterprise decided to initiate collective redundancies;
- E. whereas the application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation,
- F. whereas 72,8 % of the workers targeted by the measures are men and 27,2 % are women; whereas 87,9 % of the workers are between 25 and 54 years old and 11,2 of workers are between 55 and 64 years old;
- G. whereas the 44,9 % of the dismissed workers belong to the category of plant and machine operators and assemblers, 27,1% belong to the category of craft and related trades workers, 9,1 % are technicians and associate professionals and 8,1 % belong to the category of clerical support workers;
1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 2(a) of the EGF Regulation are met and that, therefore, Romania is entitled to a financial contribution under that Regulation;
  2. Notes that the Romanian authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 21 December 2012, and that its assessment was made available by the Commission on 7 May 2014; regrets very lengthy evaluation of seventeen months and that because of the inflation rate in the period 2012-2014, there has been a decrease of the purchasing power; calls on the Commission to propose measures for addressing this issue in similar situations in the future;
  3. Stresses that labour market conditions slightly changed in the past seventeen months and believes that a further analysis based on the economic and financial situation in 2014 should be foreseen
  4. Considers that the redundancies in SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer (SC Mechel Reparatii Targoviste SRL) are linked to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, referring to the fact that the sector of the manufacture of finished and semi-finished steel products, in which Mechel Campia Turzii and Mechel Reparatii Targoviste were active, has undergone serious economic disruption as a result of a rapid decline of the EU market share in the steel products sector and the market share growth of countries such as China; points out that this case demonstrates the need for a Union strategy on the steel products industry in order to maintain

competitiveness;

5. Notes that the 1 513 redundancies in question have had major repercussions for the local labour market, given that the Mechel Campia Turzii was the largest employer in the area with 1 837 employees (in June 2012), accounting for around a third of the total number of employees in the area, deplors that the number of unemployed persons in the Campia Turzii area more than doubled as a result of the redundancies; notes also that the local labour market is very restricted as the unemployment rate in the Câmpia Turzii area is generally around 5 % and the job vacancy rate is very low (below 0,5 %) <sup>1</sup>;
6. Notes that to date, the steel sector has been the subject of five EGF applications, four of which were intended to provide support to workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation <sup>2</sup> and one was intended to provide support to workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis <sup>3</sup>;
7. Notes the amount of EUR 15 000 to be granted to 250 selected workers as assistance in initiating independent activities; regrets that only a fourth of the targeted workers will be able to participate in this action;
8. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the Romanian authorities decided to initiate the implementation of the personalised services to the affected workers on 1 March 2013, well ahead of the final decision on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;
9. Expects with great interest the creation and development of the “cooperative society” with the dismissed workers and its outcomes;
10. Notes that the coordinated package of personalised services to be co-funded includes measures for the reintegration of 1 000 redundant workers into employment such as vocational guidance and counselling, vocational training courses and internships, assistance in initiating independent activities, renting the production space and paying the rent for the project’s duration; travel, interview, participation, subsistence and internship allowances, mentoring after employment integration;
11. Calls on the Romanian authorities to ensure that the selection of the 250 members of the cooperative society fully respects the principles of non-discrimination and equal

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<sup>1</sup> The job vacancy rate measures the percentage of vacant posts, compared with the total number of occupied and unoccupied posts. In the third quarter of 2012, the estimated job vacancy rate in the EU-28 in NACE Rev.2 sections B to S (industry, construction, services) was 1,4 %.

<sup>2</sup> EGF/2009/022/ BG/Kremikovtzi AD (application rejected by the Commission), EGF/2013/002 BE/Carsid (application presented to the Commission on 2 April 2013), EGF/2013/007 BE Duferco-NLMK (application presented to the Commission on 27 September 2013).

<sup>3</sup> EGF/2010/007 AT/Steiermark and Niederösterreich. Decision 2011/652/EU of 27 September 2011 (OJ L 263, 7.10.2011, p. 9).

opportunities; calls further for the continued consultation and involvement of the social partners;

12. Welcomes the fact that the Romanian National Agency for Employment (ANOFM), the Cluj County Agency for Employment (AJOFM Cluj) as well as other local and regional authorities, trade unions and enterprises will be linked to the cooperative enterprise which will be established to support the workers targeted for assistance as part of the measure 'Assistance in initiating independent activities', and that a policy of equality of women and men as well as non-discrimination will be applied during the various stages of the implementation of and in access to the EGF;
13. Notes the elevated cost of the registration of workers compared to a previous application from Romania; notes furthermore the total estimated costs of EUR 70 000 on information and publicity actions which should result in a better awareness about the EGF contribution and ensure more visibility of the role of the Union in it;
14. Recalls the importance of improving the employability of all workers by means of adapted training and the recognition of skills and competences gained throughout a worker's professional career; expects the training on offer in the coordinated package to be adapted not only to the needs of the dismissed workers but also to the actual business environment;
15. Notes that the information provided on the coordinated package of personalised services to be funded from the EGF includes information on complementarity with actions funded by the Structural Funds; stresses that the Romanian authorities confirm that the eligible actions do not receive assistance from other Union financial instruments; reiterates its call to the Commission to present a comparative evaluation of those data in its annual reports in order to ensure full respect of the existing regulations and that no duplication of Union-funded services can occur;
16. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to improve procedural arrangements in order to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF; appreciates the improved procedure put in place by the Commission, following Parliament's request for the accelerated release of grants, aimed at presenting to the budgetary authority the Commission's assessment on the eligibility of an EGF application together with the proposal to mobilise the EGF; underlines that further improvements in the procedure have been integrated in the new Regulation on European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020)<sup>1</sup> and that greater efficiency, transparency and visibility of the EGF will be achieved;
17. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 6 of the EGF Regulation, it shall be ensured that the EGF supports the reintegration of individual redundant workers into stable employment; stresses, furthermore, that EGF assistance can co-finance only active labour market measures which lead to durable, long-term employment; reiterates that assistance

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855).

from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements nor measures restructuring companies or sectors;

18. Welcomes the adoption of the new EGF Regulation which reflects the agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council to reintroduce the crisis mobilisation criterion, to increase Union financial contribution to 60% of the total estimated cost of proposed measures, to increase efficiency for the treatment of EGF applications in the Commission and by the European Parliament and the Council by shortening time for assessment and approval, to widen eligible actions and beneficiaries by introducing self-employed persons and young people and to finance incentives for setting up own businesses;
19. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
20. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;
21. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

## **ANNEX: DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with Point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (application EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel from Romania)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) no 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) no 1927/2006<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 23, second subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>4</sup>, and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF shall not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.
- (3) Romania submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the enterprise SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer, on

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.



21 December 2012 and supplemented it by additional information up to 4 March 2014. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission, therefore, proposes to mobilise an amount of EUR 3 571 150.

- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution for the application submitted by Romania,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 3 571 150 in commitment and payment appropriations.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### I. Background

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund has been created in order to provide additional assistance to workers suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns.

According to the provisions of Article 12 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020<sup>1</sup> and of the Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006<sup>2</sup>, the Fund may not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices). The appropriate amounts are entered into the general budget of the Union as a provision.

As concerns the procedure, according to point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>3</sup>, in order to activate the Fund the Commission, in case of a positive assessment of an application, presents to the budgetary authority a proposal for mobilisation of the Fund and, at the same time, a corresponding request for transfer. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue shall be initiated.

### II. The Mechel application and the Commission's proposal

On 7 May 2014, the Commission adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the EGF in favour of Romania to support the reintegration in the labour market of workers made redundant in SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer (SC Mechel Reparatii Targoviste SRL) manufacturing finished and semi-finished steel products due to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

This is the fourth application to be examined under the 2014 budget and refers to the mobilisation of a total amount of EUR 3 571 150 from the EGF for Romania. It concerns 1 513 redundancies in SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer (SC Mechel Reparatii Targoviste SRL) in Romania with 1 000 workers targeted for EFG co-funded measures during the reference period from 20 June 2012 to 20 October 2012. All of these redundancies were calculated in accordance with the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission has received the confirmation required under the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 2 that this is the actual number of redundancies effected. The application was sent to the Commission on 21 December 2012 and supplemented by additional information up to 4 April 2014. The Commission has concluded that the application meets the conditions for deploying the EGF as set out in Article 2(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.

The Romanian authorities state that EU has recorded a substantial increase of imports into the EU of finished and semi-finished steel products in recent years as well as a relative decline of

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

exports of such products, both of which add up to a loss of EU market share in the sector of finished and semi-finished steel products, in which Mechel operated. These events have negatively affected the performance of the sector, as reflected in the pressures on the competitiveness of the EU steel industry at international level and the job losses due to restructuring in the steel sector in Europe<sup>1</sup>.

The Romanian authorities further state that the redundancies have primarily affected the municipality of Câmpia Turzii and its surrounding area, in the south-east of Cluj County, in north-west Romania. From the socioeconomic point of view, the Câmpia Turzii area is characterised by low income levels and a weak diversification of economic activities. AJOFM Cluj estimates that around half of the working age population in Câmpia Turzii is employed in the industrial sector. Mechel Campia Turzii was the largest employer in the area with 1 837 employees (in June 2012), accounting for around a third of the total number of employees in the area. The local labour market is very restricted as the unemployment rate in the Câmpia Turzii area is generally around 5 % and the job vacancy rate is very low (below 0.5 %)<sup>2</sup>. The number of unemployed persons in the Câmpia Turzii area more than doubled from 481 to 1 290, as a result of the redundancies, and the percentage of unoccupied persons among the population aged 18-62 increased from 2.7 % to 7.2 %. The redundancies have therefore had major repercussions for the local labour market, given the low number of jobs available in the area of Câmpia Turzii (on average 30 vacancies per month) and the low number of potential employers.

The co-ordinated package of personalised services to be co-funded includes measures for the reintegration of 1 000 workers into employment such as vocational guidance and counselling, vocational training courses and internships, assistance in initiating independent activities, renting the production space and paying the rent for the project's duration; travel, interview, participation, subsistence and internship allowances, mentoring after employment integration.

According to the Romanian authorities, the measures initiated on 1 March 2013 combine to form a co-ordinated package of personalised services and represent active labour market measures with the aim of re-integrating the workers into the labour market.

As regards the criteria contained in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006, the Romanian authorities in their application:

- confirmed that the financial contribution from the EGF does not replace measures which are the responsibility of companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements;
- demonstrated that the actions provide support for individual workers and are not to be used for restructuring companies or sectors;

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<sup>1</sup> cf. Communication from the Commission to the Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions – Action Plan for a competitive and sustainable steel industry in Europe (COM(2013) 407).

<sup>2</sup> The job vacancy rate measures the percentage of vacant posts, compared with the total number of occupied and unoccupied posts. In the third quarter of 2012, the estimated job vacancy rate in the EU-28 in NACE Rev.2 sections B to S (industry, construction, services) was 1.4 %.

- confirmed that the eligible actions referred to above do not receive assistance from other EU financial instruments.

Concerning management and control systems, Romania has notified the Commission that the financial contribution will be managed and controlled by the same bodies as for the European Social Fund. The financial contribution will be managed by ANOFM which was designated as the national authority responsible for the management of financial contribution from the EGF. Government Decision No 11/2009 establishes the institutional framework for the coordination and management of EGF financial contributions. Specific guidelines describe EGF management procedures, the role of the different bodies involved and the mechanisms for ensuring compliance with the general principles of EGF management and the relevant legal framework. The auditing authority attached to the Romanian Court of Auditors has been appointed as the auditing authority for the EGF.

### **III. Procedure**

In order to mobilise the Fund, the Commission has submitted to the Budget Authority a transfer request for a global amount of EUR 3 571 150 from the EGF reserve (40 02 43) to the EGF budget line (04 04 51).

This is the fourth transfer proposal for the mobilisation of the Fund transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2014. The proposed amount of financial contribution will leave more than 25 % of the maximum annual amount earmarked for the EGF available for allocations during the last four months of the year, as required by Article 12(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.

The trilogue on the Commission's proposal for a Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF could take a simplified form, as provided for in Article 12(5) of the legal base, unless there is no agreement between the Parliament and the Council.

According to an internal agreement, the Employment and Social Affairs Committee should be associated to the process, in order to provide constructive support and contribution to the assessment of the applications from the Fund.

## **ANNEX: LETTER OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

ZP/ch D(2014)39265

M. Jean Arthuis  
Chair of the Committee on Budgets  
ASP 09G205

**Subject: Opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the case EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel from Romania (COM(2014)255 final)**

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) as well as its Working Group on the EGF examined the mobilisation of the EGF for the case EGF/2012/010 RO/Mechel and adopted the following opinion.

The EMPL committee and the Working Group on the EGF are in favour of the mobilisation of the Fund concerning this request. In this respect, the EMPL committee presents some remarks without, however, putting into question the transfer of the payments.

The deliberations of the EMPL committee are based on the following considerations:

- A) Whereas this application is based on Article 2 (a) of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 and targets to support 1 000 workers of the total of 1 513 workers dismissed in the enterprise SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer SC Mechel Reparatii Targoviste SRL within the reference period between 20 June 2012 and 20 October 2012;
- B) Whereas the Romanian authorities argue that the sector of the manufacture of finished and semi-finished steel products has undergone serious economic disruption as a result of a rapid decline of the EU market share in the steel products sector and the market share growth of countries such as China;
- C) Whereas the Romanian authorities argue that decision to make workers redundant at Mechel Campia Turzii could not have been foreseen; whereas the company put in place a number of measures to reduce staff costs, however these measures did not remedy the financial difficulties and the enterprise decided to initiate collective redundancies;

- D) Whereas 72,8 % of the workers targeted by the measures are men and 27,2 % are women; whereas 87,9 % of the workers are between 25 and 54 years old and 11,2 of workers are between 55 and 64 years old;
- E) Whereas the 44,9 % of the dismissed workers belong to the category of plant and machine operators and assemblers, 27,1% belong to the category of craft and related trades workers, 9,1 % are technicians and associate professionals and 8,1 % belong to the category of clerical support workers;
- F) Whereas the local labour market in the affected region is very restricted with a very low job vacancy rate (below 0,5%);

Therefore, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to integrate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution concerning the Romanian application:

1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 2 (a) of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 are met and that, therefore, Romania is entitled to a financial contribution under this regulation;
2. Notes that the Romanian authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 21 December 2012, regrets however that additional information to the application was supplemented until as late as 4 March 2014, which resulted in the late mobilisation of the EGF relative to the date of the application; underlines that this delay contradicts completely the aim of the EGF to provide a quick aid to workers made redundant;
3. Notes that the redundancies affect an area which is already characterised by low income levels and a weak diversification of economic activities; notes furthermore that the local labour market is very restricted with a general unemployment rate of 5% combined with a vacancy rate below 0,5%; considers that the redundancies have major repercussions the labour market in the affected region, deplors that the number of unemployed persons in the Campia Turzii area more than doubled as a result of the redundancies;
4. Welcomes the fact, in order to address immediately the dismissed workers, the Romanian authorities started the implementation of the coordinated package of personalised service on 1 March 2013 - well ahead of the decision to grant the EGF support;
5. Notes the amount of 15 000 Euros to be granted to 250 selected workers as assistance in initiating independent activities; regrets that only a fourth of the targeted workers will be able to participate in this action;
6. Expects with great interest the creation and development of the “cooperative society” with the dismissed workers and its outcomes;
7. Calls on the Romanian authorities to ensure that the selection of the 250 members of the cooperative society fully respects the principles of non-discrimination and equal opportunities; calls further for the continued consultation and involvement of the social partners;

8. Notes the elevated cost of the registration of workers compared to a previous application from Romania; notes furthermore the total estimated costs of 70 000 Euros on information and publicity actions which should result in a better awareness about the EGF contribution and more visibility of the role of the Community in it.

Yours sincerely,

Marita ULVSKOG,

Acting Chair, 1st Vice-Chair

## ANNEX: LETTER OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Jean ARTHUIS  
Chairman  
Committee on Budgets  
European Parliament  
Asp 09g205  
B-1047 Brussels

Dear Mr. Arthuis,

Subject:       **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund**

Four separate Commission proposals for decisions to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) have been referred for opinion to the Committee on Regional Development. I understand that it is intended that reports on each of these will be adopted in the Committee on Budgets on 11 September.

The rules applicable to financial contributions from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) are laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006; and IN Point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 2 December 2013 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management

- **COM (2014) 0376** is a proposal for an EGF contribution of EUR 6 096 000 for re-integration into the labour market of 508 redundant workers from Nutriart S.A and 25 providers and downstream producers: AR.ZIGAS & SIA and 24 self-employed people whose activity ceased and was dependent on the primary enterprise; and 505 young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) under the age of 30, in the regions of Central Macedonia and Attica in Greece.
- **COM (2014) 0255** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 3 571 150 for re-integration into the labour market of 1 000 redundant workers in SC Mechel Campia Turzii SA and one downstream producer (SC Mechel Reparatii Targoviste SRL) in Romania.
- **COM (2014) 0456** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 960 000 for re-integration into the labour market of 280 redundant workers from 661 enterprises operating in the NACE Rev. 2 Division 56 (Food and beverage service activities) in the NUTS level 2 region of Aragón (ES24) in Spain.



- **COM (2014) 0455** is a proposal for an EGF contribution of EUR 1 625 781 for re-integration into the labour market of 475 redundant workers from 89 enterprises operating in the NACE Rev.2 division 41 ('Construction of buildings') in the contiguous NUTS level 2 regions of Gelderland and Overijssel in the Netherlands.

The Committee coordinators discussed these proposals in the course of their meeting on 23 July. They have asked me to write to you stating that this Committee has no objection to these mobilisations of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to allocate the above-mentioned amounts as proposed by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Iskra MIHAYLOVA

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	11.9.2014
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 29 -: 3 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Nedzhmi Ali, Richard Ashworth, Jean-Paul Denanot, Gérard Deprez, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier, Esteban González Pons, Heidi Hautala, Iris Hoffmann, Kaja Kallas, Bernd Kölmel, Vladimír Maňka, Siegfried Mureşan, Victor Negrescu, Liadh Ní Riada, Jan Marian Olbrycht, Pina Picierno, Pedro Silva Pereira, Patricija Šulin, Eleytherios Synadinos, Paul Tang, Indrek Tarand, Marco Valli, Monika Vana, Marco Zanni
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Giovanni La Via, Janusz Lewandowski, Ivan Štefanec, Derek Vaughan, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Tomáš Zdechovský