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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/2014/014 DE/Aleo Solar from Germany)
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Amendment 1
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the German authorities decided to initiate the implementation of the personalised services to the affected workers on 11 April 2014, well ahead of the decision and even the application on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the German authorities decided to initiate the implementation of the personalised services to the affected workers on 11 April 2014, well ahead of the decision and even the application on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package; notes that ***the personalised services which have already been offered will be eligible for EGF funding***;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that the redundancies at Aleo Solar are expected to have a negative impact on the Prenzlau/Brandenburg region, where per capita income is well below the national average and the unemployment rate the highest in Germany with 15,5 % and 16,4 % respectively; highlights that the inclusion of the redundancies from Aleo Solar would increase this rate by 0,9 %; ***notes that the low population density and lack of major employers in the region are an obstacle in the job search of the workers made redundant;***

Amendment

7. Notes that the redundancies at Aleo Solar are expected to have a negative impact on the Prenzlau/Brandenburg region, where per capita income is well below the national average and the unemployment rate the highest in Germany with 15,5 % and 16,4 % respectively; highlights that the inclusion of the redundancies from Aleo Solar would increase this rate by 0,9 %; ***regrets that there is no immediate prospect of the redundant workers finding any equivalent new jobs, due to a relatively low population density and lack of potential employers: the area has mostly small and medium-sized enterprises, and only 10 enterprises (0,3%) have more than 249 workers (Aleo Solar was one of these major employers);***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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redundant;

redundant; *recommends that the Council promote innovative entrepreneurship ideas that can benefit from EGF funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 4

Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that *the training allowance does not exceed the ceiling of 35 % of the total costs for the coordinated package of personalised services, as the new regulation requires*; notes that the training allowance is not a substitute for passive social protection measures and is tied to strict conditions to undertake the training and other activities that have been organised;

Amendment

9. *Notes that the authorities plan to utilise the maximum allowed 35 % of all costs on allowances and incentives in the form of training allowances (Transferkurzarbeitergeld) constituting 60 % or 67 % of a worker's previous net income – depending on the household situation of the beneficiary – which is in line with the practice where workers become unemployed in Germany*; notes that the training allowance is not a substitute for passive social protection measures and is tied to strict conditions to undertake the training and other activities that have been organised;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes therefore that no extra incentives for training are provided for

the participants by the EGF, moreover, more personalised and in-depth measures should be encouraged;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the co-ordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the representatives of the targeted beneficiaries;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the co-ordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the representatives of the targeted beneficiaries, *taking into consideration the potential of the area and the business environment;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes that 164 of the Aleo Solar workers made redundant in Prenzlau were rehired by an Asian consortium, which bought the plant from the liquidator; notes that the reasoning of the German authorities for enabling these workers to benefit from the measures to be funded by the EGF is that the security of their new employment was not certain at that time;

Amendment 8

Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Notes that the 104 workers made redundant in the administrative centre in Oldenburg are not included in the measures to be funded by the EGF; notes that the employment situation in this region is much more promising;

Or. en

Amendment 9

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on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Regrets that the risk of long-term unemployment for the redundant workers is high and stresses therefore the importance of measures encouraging workers to look beyond the immediate area and take up job offers which can be found in other regions;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. Considers that workers in the 55-64 and 15-29 age groups are at a higher risk of prolonged unemployment and exclusion from the labour market; considers therefore that these workers have specific needs when it comes to providing them with personalised approach;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Marita Ulvskog, Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11e. Recalls that in line with Article 7 of the EGF Regulation, the design of the coordinated package of personalised services should anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills and should be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy;

Or. en