

**Question for written answer E-000552/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

The UK Government will not apply for support from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), needlessly compromising the security of workers in sectors vulnerable to globalisation.

Currently, the European Commission is negotiating a number of trade agreements across the world on behalf of the EU, which will undoubtedly cause further burdens on other industries as supply/demand pressures shift in ways that are often difficult to predict.

Countries with which the EU is negotiating trade agreements have a far better capacity to respond to dramatic market changes. For instance, through the federal government, the United States has internal mechanisms which redistribute the gains and losses of trade liberalisation. This dissonance between the EU and the US is particularly worrying in the context of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement.

It is clear that the EGF is not sufficient to address the economic and social challenges that comprehensive trade agreements raise. Moreover, workers in the UK need better guarantees of their employment and social security.

Is the Commission intending to reform the EGF and other redistributive policies in order to address these problems?