

**Question for written answer E-007116/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Use of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in connection with trade disputes

On 15 September 2016, Parliament adopted a report on the impact of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) between 2007 and 2014 (2015/2284(INI)). In paragraph 12 of the resolution, Parliament highlighted the fact that 'one of the main aims of the EGF is to help workers who lose their jobs as a result of a serious shift in Union trade in goods or services as established in Article 2(a) of the Regulation; is of the opinion that an important task of the EGF is to ensure support for workers made redundant as a result of the negative consequences of trade disputes; consequently calls on the Commission to clarify that the loss of jobs as a consequence of trade disputes which result in a serious shift in Union trade in goods or services is fully within the scope of the EGF;'.

Does the Commission agree with Parliament that the EGF can be drawn on in connection with trade disputes, e.g. to support food industry workers hit by Russia's ban on pigmeat imports from the EU?

Can the Commission confirm that it has been contacted by the Danish Government, in the past, with a view to exploring the possibility of support, subsequently disallowed by the Commission, in connection with the Russian embargo?