

**Question for written answer E-003219/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Helping SMEs to access support from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

The annual budget of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the period from 2014 to 2020 is EUR 150 million. The Commission's evaluation of the operation of the Fund, drawn up two years ago, revealed that the eligibility threshold of 500 redundant workers was preventing SMIs/SMEs from applying for funding.

The fact is, however, that SMIs/SMEs provide 90% of all paid jobs in France. A Commission representative has stated that SMIs/SMEs in certain sectors are granted derogations which allow them to apply for EGF funding. That being the case:

1. Can the Commission provide more information about how this system of derogations works?
2. How many French SMIs/SMEs have received EGF funding so far?