
EU job-search aid worth €9.9m for 1,858 former Air France workers

- Redundancies in the air transport sector in the Île-de-France and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regions
- Air France hard hit by EU's loss of international market share to airlines in the Persian Gulf
- EU to co-fund redeployment leave, start-up grants, vocational training and allowances

Former Air France workers should receive EU aid worth €9,894,483 to re-integrate them into the labour market, following a Budgets Committee vote on Tuesday.

Air France made 1,858 workers redundant due to “serious economic disruption”, including a decline in the EU’s international market share, slower growth in air traffic in Europe than in the rest of the world and the rise of airlines in the Persian Gulf, which receive state aid and subsidies, says the [draft report](#).

Most of the jobs lost were in the Île-de-France (centre, 76.2%) and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (south, 11.7%) regions. 47.6 % of redundant workers are women and most are between 55 and 64 years old. The measures, co-funded by the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) and the French authorities, should help re-integrate them into the labour market.

This is France’s second EGF application for Air France. The first, in 2013, was successful.

The EGF aid will cover 60% of the total cost, which amounts to €9.9 million. Five types of measures are planned: vocational guidance and training, entrepreneurship, start-up grants, and allowances.

The draft report by rapporteur Alain Lamassoure (EPP, FR) recommending that Parliament approve the aid was passed by 31 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Next steps

To take effect, the aid has to be approved by a plenary vote in Parliament, scheduled for 3 July, and by the Council.

Background

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund contributes to packages of tailor-made services to help redundant workers find new jobs. Its annual ceiling is €150 million.

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