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European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014 - 2020)

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 20

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Proposal for rejection

The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.

Or. en

Justification

The functioning of the fund has proved to be highly problematic, bureaucratic and inefficient in returning people to employment. This position is supported by the Commission's own figures in the Mid-Term evaluation, with the average re-employment rate before the 2009 amendment below the 50% target proposed by the Commission for the new EGF. In addition it offers little value to the European taxpayer, does not add sufficient value to Member State policies, disincentivizes Member States efforts aimed at reform, tries to fix long term structural problems with short term solutions and subsidizes large companies which are supposed to absorb relocation costs. The most effective policy would be to move workers from declining industries and sectors to growing ones, driving job creation, innovation and growth.

Amendment 21

Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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poverty and modernising labour markets, training and social protection systems so as to help people anticipate and manage change, and build a cohesive society *excluding none*.

Or. el

Amendment 22
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established by Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment **Fund¹⁹** for the duration of the Financial Framework from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 to enable the Union to **show solidarity towards** workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns **due to globalisation** and to **provide support for their rapid reintegration into employment**. This initial objective of the EGF remains valid.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Whereas the EGF does not provide a solution to growing unemployment and the undermining of working conditions across the EU. If the EU and national governments are serious about fighting unemployment they should introduce measures, including the nationalisation of the main sectors of the economy and of those companies threatened with relocation and job losses in order to stop the race to the bottom of workers' wages and conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marielle de Sarnez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 'A budget for Europe 2020' recognises the role of the EGF as a flexible fund to support workers who lose their jobs and help them to find another job as rapidly as possible. The Union should continue to provide, for the duration of the Multiannual Financial Framework from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, specific, one-off support to facilitate the re-integration into employment of redundant workers in areas, sectors, territories or labour markets suffering the shock of serious economic disruption. ***Given its purpose, which is to provide support in situations of urgency and unexpected circumstances, the EGF should remain***

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outside the Multiannual Financial Framework.

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The scope of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 was broadened in 2009 by Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as part of the European Economic Recovery plan to include workers made redundant as a result of the global financial and economic crisis. In order to enable the EGF to intervene in future crisis situations, its scope should cover redundancies resulting from a serious economic disruption *when caused by an unexpected crisis* comparable to the financial and economic crisis that hit the economy from 2008 onwards.

Amendment

(4) The scope of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 was broadened in 2009 by Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as part of the European Economic Recovery plan to include workers made redundant as a result of the global financial and economic crisis. In order to enable the EGF to intervene in future crisis situations, its scope should cover redundancies resulting from a serious economic disruption comparable to the financial and economic crisis that hit the economy from 2008 onwards.

Or. el

Amendment 26
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) In compliance with the Communication on 'A Budget for Europe 2020', the scope of the EGF should be broadened to facilitate the adaptation of farmers to a new market situation

Amendment

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resulting from international trade agreements in the agricultural sector and leading to a change or a significant adjustment in the agricultural activities of the affected farmers so as to assist them to become structurally more competitive or to facilitate their transition to non-agricultural activities.

Or. en

Amendment 27

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) In compliance with the Communication on 'A Budget for Europe 2020', the scope of the EGF should be broadened to facilitate the adaptation of farmers to a new market situation resulting from international trade agreements in the agricultural sector and leading to a change or a significant adjustment in the agricultural activities of the affected farmers so as to assist them to become structurally more competitive or to facilitate their transition to non-agricultural activities.

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Or. fr

Justification

Public spending should not be used to remedy damage caused by profits for private companies after conclusion of free trade agreements(5) contradicts the objectives of (2), (3) and (4), as the crisis triggering the measure is caused by the Commission and is not the effect of globalisation.

Amendment 28
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In order to maintain the European nature of the EGF, an application for support should be triggered when the number of redundancies reaches a minimum threshold. In small labour markets, such as small Member States or remote regions, and in exceptional circumstances, applications may be submitted for a lower number of redundancies. ***As regards farmers, the necessary criteria should be determined by the Commission in relation to the consequences of each trade agreement.***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 29
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Justification

Farmers should not be tackled by the GAF.

Amendment 30

Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Redundant workers should have equal access to the EGF independently of their type of employment contract or employment relationship. Therefore, workers with fixed term contracts and temporary agency workers made redundant as well as owner-managers of micro, small **and medium-sized** enterprises and self-employed workers who cease their activities **and farmers who change** or adjust their activities to a new market situation following trade agreements, should be regarded as redundant workers for the purposes of this Regulation.

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Or. en

Amendment 31

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Justification

See previous justifications

Amendment 32
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Regarding farmers, the scope of the EGF should include beneficiaries affected by bilateral agreements concluded by the Union in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT or multilateral agreements concluded within the World Trade Organisation. This covers farmers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities within a period starting upon initialling of such trade agreements and ending three years after their full implementation.

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Or. en

Amendment 33
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Regarding farmers, the scope of the EGF should include beneficiaries affected by bilateral agreements concluded by the Union in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT or multilateral agreements concluded within the World Trade Organisation. This covers farmers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities within a period starting upon initialling of such trade agreements and ending three years after their full implementation.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity, *including the agricultural sector. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should therefore be restricted.*

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity; *it is vital that employment is defined as decent and full time employment with due respect to working conditions, wages and full trade union rights; considers this essential in halting the race to the bottom;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity, **including the agricultural sector**. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should therefore be restricted.

Amendment

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should therefore be restricted.

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be **primarily** directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity, including the agricultural sector. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should therefore be restricted.

Amendment

(9) Financial contributions from the EGF should be **exclusively** directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating redundant workers rapidly into employment, either within or outside their initial sector of activity, including the agricultural sector. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should therefore be restricted.

Or. en

Amendment 37

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will **significantly contribute** to the **employability** of the redundant workers. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into employment or new activities of at least 50 % of the targeted workers within 12 months of the date of application.

Amendment

(10) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will **lead** to the **reemployment** of the redundant workers. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into employment or new activities of at least 50 % of the targeted workers within 12 months of the date of application.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will significantly contribute to the employability of the redundant workers. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into employment or new activities of at least **50 %** of the targeted workers within 12 months of the date of application.

Amendment

(10) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will significantly contribute to the employability of the redundant workers. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into employment or new activities of at least **all** of the targeted workers within 12 months of the date of application.

Or. en

Amendment 39
Marielle de Sarnez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) In compliance with the principle of sound financial management, financial contributions from the EGF should not replace support measures which are available for redundant workers within the Union's Structural Funds or other Union policies or programmes.

Amendment

(12) In compliance with the principle of sound financial management, financial contributions from the EGF should not replace support measures which are available for redundant workers within the Union's Structural Funds or other Union policies or programmes, ***notably the ESF or the CAP.***

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) Special provisions should be included for information and communication activities on EGF cases and outcomes. In addition, to bring about greater efficiency in communication to the public at large and stronger synergies between the communication activities undertaken at the initiative of the Commission, ***the resources allocated to communication actions under this Regulation should also contribute to covering the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union provided that these are related to the general objectives of this Regulation.***

Amendment

(13) Special provisions should be included for information and communication activities on EGF cases and outcomes. In addition, to bring about greater efficiency in communication to the public at large and stronger synergies between the communication activities undertaken at the initiative of the Commission

Or. en

Amendment 41
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) To facilitate the implementation of this Regulation, expenditure should be eligible either from the date on which a Member State incurs administrative expenditure for implementing the EGF or from the date on which a Member State starts to provide personalised services ***or, in the case of farmers, from the date set in a Commission act in accordance with Article 4(3).***

Amendment

(15) To facilitate the implementation of this Regulation, expenditure should be eligible either from the date on which a Member State incurs administrative expenditure for implementing the EGF or from the date on which a Member State starts to provide personalised services.

Or. en

Amendment 42
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) To facilitate the implementation of this Regulation, expenditure should be eligible either from the date on which a Member State incurs administrative expenditure for implementing the EGF or from the date on which a Member State starts to provide personalised services ***or, in the case of farmers, from the date set in a Commission act in accordance with Article 4(3).***

Amendment

(15) To facilitate the implementation of this Regulation, expenditure should be eligible either from the date on which a Member State incurs administrative expenditure for implementing the EGF or from the date on which a Member State starts to provide personalised services.

Or. fr

Amendment 43

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to cover the needs arising during the final months of each year, it is necessary to ensure that at least one quarter of the annual maximum amount of the EGF remains available on 1 September.

Financial contributions made during the remainder of the year should be allocated taking into account the overall ceiling laid down for support to farmers in the Multiannual Financial Framework.

Amendment

(16) In order to cover the needs arising during the final months of each year, it is necessary to ensure that at least one quarter of the annual maximum amount of the EGF remains available on 1 September.

Or. fr

Amendment 44

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) In the interest of the redundant workers, the Member States and the Union institutions involved in the EGF decision-making process should do their utmost to reduce processing time and simplify procedures.

Amendment

(18) In the interest of the redundant workers, the Member States and the Union institutions involved in the EGF decision-making process should do their utmost to reduce processing time and simplify procedures. ***Notes however that length of the application and decision making procedure results from the supranational character of the instrument and that a reduction could lead to concerns of accountability.***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) Farmers are adversely affected by market liberalisation in agricultural products and FTAs concluded by the EU; supports the necessity for farmers to have access to financial compensation and assistance in reorganising their activities in a financially and ecologically sustainable way; is of the opinion that their needs are best addressed in the context of the reform of the CAP and that the EGF should be maintained as a fund for workers affected by globalisation and the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Marielle de Sarnez

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Overcoming the adverse effects of globalisation also calls for the creation of permanent jobs throughout the Union through a genuine production recovery strategy for the Union that is combined with fair competition with the major emerging countries and a firm policy of supporting growth. Promoting social dialogue, improving the quality of consumer goods and information, increasing research and innovation, creating new public and private tools to finance the economy and developing small and medium-sized enterprises, these

are the tools that will be effective in building up the EU's productive capacities.

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The aim of the EGF shall be to contribute to economic growth and employment in the Union by enabling the Union to show solidarity towards workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, *trade agreements affecting agriculture*, or an unexpected crisis, and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into employment, *or for changing or adjusting their agricultural activities*.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 48
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The aim of the EGF shall be to contribute to economic growth and employment in the Union by enabling the Union to show solidarity towards workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation,

Amendment

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trade agreements affecting agriculture, or an unexpected crisis, and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into employment, or for changing or adjusting their agricultural activities.

an unexpected crisis, and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into employment.

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The aim of the EGF shall be to contribute to economic growth and employment in the Union by enabling the Union to show solidarity towards workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, trade agreements affecting agriculture, or *an unexpected* crisis, and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into employment, or for changing or adjusting their agricultural activities.

Amendment

The aim of the EGF shall be to contribute to economic growth and employment in the Union by enabling the Union to show solidarity towards workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, trade agreements affecting agriculture, or a *financial and economic* crisis, and to provide financial support for their rapid reintegration into employment, or for changing or adjusting their agricultural activities

Or. el

Amendment 50
Syed Kamall
on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions benefiting from financial contributions by the Fund pursuant to Article 2(a) and (b) shall aim *to ensure*

Amendment

Actions benefiting from financial contributions by the Fund pursuant to Article 2(a) and (b) shall aim *at effective*

that a minimum of 50 % of workers participating in these actions find stable employment within a year from the date of application.

and rapid integration of concerned workers into the labour market.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions benefiting from financial contributions by the Fund pursuant to Article 2(a) and (b) shall aim to ensure that a minimum of 50 % of workers participating in these actions *find stable* employment within a year from the date of application.

Amendment

Actions benefiting from financial contributions by the Fund pursuant to Article 2(a) and (b) shall aim to ensure that a minimum of 50 % of workers participating in these actions *enter the* employment *market* within a year from the date of application.

Or. el

Amendment 52
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) workers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities during a period starting upon initialling of the trade agreement by the Union containing trade liberalisation measures for the relevant agricultural sector and ending three years after the full implementation of these measures and provided that these trade measures lead to a substantial increase in Union imports of an agricultural product or products

Amendment

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accompanied by a significant decrease in prices of such products at the Union or, where relevant, the national or regional level.

Or. en

Amendment 53

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) workers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities during a period starting upon initialling of the trade agreement by the Union containing trade liberalisation measures for the relevant agricultural sector and ending three years after the full implementation of these measures and provided that these trade measures lead to a substantial increase in Union imports of an agricultural product or products accompanied by a significant decrease in prices of such products at the Union or, where relevant, the national or regional level.

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Or. fr

Amendment 54

Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) ‘a worker’ means owner-managers of micro, *small* and *medium-sized enterprises*

(d) ‘a worker’ means owner-managers of micro and *small-sized enterprise*, self-

and self-employed workers (including farmers) and all members of the household active in the business, provided that, if farmers, they were already producing the output affected by the relevant trade agreement before the measures concerning the specific sector were implemented.

employed workers and all members of the household active in the business.

Or. en

Amendment 55

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) ‘a worker’ means owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers (*including farmers*) and all members of the household active in the business, *provided that, if farmers, they were already producing the output affected by the relevant trade agreement before the measures concerning the specific sector were implemented.*

Amendment

(d) ‘a worker’ means owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers and all members of the household active in the business.

Or. fr

Amendment 56

Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) at least **500** workers being made redundant over a period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State, including

Amendment

(a) at least **300** workers being made redundant over a period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State, including

workers made redundant in its suppliers or downstream producers;

workers made redundant in its suppliers or downstream producers;

Or. el

Amendment 57
Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) at least **500** workers being made redundant over a period of nine months, particularly in small or medium-sized enterprises, operating in one economic sector defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS II level, or in more than two contiguous regions defined at NUTS II level provided that more than 500 workers are made redundant in two of the regions combined.

Amendment

(b) at least **300** workers being made redundant over a period of nine months, particularly in small or medium-sized enterprises, operating in one economic sector defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS II level, or in more than two contiguous regions defined at NUTS II level provided that more than 500 workers are made redundant in two of the regions combined.

Or. el

Amendment 58
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. As regards farmers, when, after a trade agreement is initialled and on the basis of the information, data and analyses available to it, the Commission considers that the conditions for support in accordance with Article 2(c) are likely to be met for a significant number of farmers, it shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 designating

Amendment

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the eligible sectors or products, defining the affected geographical areas where appropriate, setting a maximum amount for potential support at Union level, setting reference periods and eligibility conditions for farmers and eligibility dates for expenditure as well as establishing the deadline by which applications must be submitted and, if necessary, the content of these applications in accordance with Article 8(2).

Or. en

Amendment 59

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. As regards farmers, when, after a trade agreement is initialled and on the basis of the information, data and analyses available to it, the Commission considers that the conditions for support in accordance with Article 2(c) are likely to be met for a significant number of farmers, it shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 24 designating the eligible sectors or products, defining the affected geographical areas where appropriate, setting a maximum amount for potential support at Union level, setting reference periods and eligibility conditions for farmers and eligibility dates for expenditure as well as establishing the deadline by which applications must be submitted and, if necessary, the content of these applications in accordance with Article 8(2).

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Or. fr

Amendment 60
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Where owner-managers of micro, *small* and *medium-sized* enterprises and self-employed workers change *or, in the case of farmers, adjust* their previous activities, such situations shall be considered as redundancies for the purposes of this Regulation.

Amendment

4. Where owner-managers of micro and *small-sized* enterprises and self-employed workers change their previous activities, such situations shall be considered as redundancies for the purposes of this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 61
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Where owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers change *or, in the case of farmers, adjust* their *previous activities*, such situations shall be considered as redundancies for the purposes of this Regulation.

Amendment

4. Where owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers change their *activity*, such situations shall be considered as redundancies for the purposes of this Regulation.

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) For owner-managers of micro, small **and medium-sized** enterprises and self-employed workers (**including farmers**), the redundancy shall be counted either from the date of cessation of the activities caused by any of the conditions set out in Article 2, and determined in accordance with national law or administrative provisions, or from the date specified by the Commission in the delegated act adopted in accordance with the Article 4(3).

Amendment

(c) For owner-managers of micro **and** small **-sized** enterprises and self-employed workers, the redundancy shall be counted either from the date of cessation of the activities caused by any of the conditions set out in Article 2, and determined in accordance with national law or administrative provisions, or from the date specified by the Commission in the delegated act adopted in accordance with the Article 4(3).

Or. en

Amendment 63

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) For owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers (**including farmers**), the redundancy shall be counted either from the date of cessation of the activities caused by any of the conditions set out in Article 2, and determined in accordance with national law or administrative provisions, or from the date specified by the Commission in the delegated act adopted in accordance with *the* Article 4(3).

Amendment

(c) For owner-managers of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed workers, the redundancy shall be counted either from the date of cessation of the activities caused by any of the conditions set out in Article 2, and determined in accordance with national law or administrative provisions, or from the date specified by the Commission in the delegated act adopted in accordance with Article 4(3).

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Paul Murphy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) farmers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities following the initialling by the Union of a trade agreement referred to in the delegated act taken in accordance with Article 4(3).

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 65

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) farmers changing or adjusting their previous agricultural activities following the initialling by the Union of a trade agreement referred to in the delegated act taken in accordance with Article 4(3).

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 66

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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the re-integration of the targeted redundant workers into employment or self-employment *or, in the case of farmers, to change or adjust their previous activities*. The coordinated package of personalised services may include in particular:

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Or. fr

Amendment 67

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) job-search assistance, occupational guidance, advisory services, mentoring, *outplacement assistance*, entrepreneurship promotion, aid for self-employment and business start-up or for changing or adjusting activity (including investments in physical assets), co-operation activities, *tailor-made training and re-training, including information and communication technology skills and certification of acquired experience;*

Amendment

(a) *Tailor-made training and re-training, including information and communication technology skills and certification of acquired experience* job-search assistance, *job creation measures*, occupational guidance, advisory services, mentoring, entrepreneurship promotion, aid for self-employment and business start-up or for changing or adjusting activity (including investments in physical assets), co-operation activities,

Or. en

Amendment 68

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) special time-limited measures, *such as job-search allowances*, employers' recruitment incentives, mobility

Amendment

(b) special time-limited measures, employers' recruitment incentives, mobility allowances, subsistence or

allowances, subsistence or training allowances (including allowances for carers or farm relief services), all of which limited to the duration of the documented active job search or life-long learning or training activities;

training allowances (including allowances for carers or farm relief services), all of which limited to the duration of the documented active job search or life-long learning or training activities;

Or. en

Amendment 69

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) special time-limited measures, such as job-search allowances, employers' recruitment incentives, mobility allowances, subsistence or training allowances (*including allowances for carers or farm relief services*), all of which limited to the duration of the documented active job search or life-long learning or training activities;

Amendment

(b) special time-limited measures, such as job-search allowances, employers' recruitment incentives, mobility allowances, subsistence or training allowances, all of which limited to the duration of the documented active job search or life-long learning or training activities;

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) measures to stimulate in particular disadvantaged or older workers to *remain in or* return to the labour market.

Amendment

(c) measures to stimulate in particular disadvantaged or older workers to return to the labour market.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Maria Eleni Koppa

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Member State shall submit a complete application to the Commission within a period of 12 weeks from the date on which the criteria set in Article 4(1) or (2) are met or, where applicable, before the deadline set by the Commission in accordance with Article 4(3). In exceptional and duly justified circumstances the application may be supplemented with additional information by the applicant Member State within six months from the date of application, following which the Commission shall assess the application on the basis of the available information. The Commission shall complete its assessment of the application within *twelve* weeks of the date of receipt of a complete application or (in the case of an incomplete application) six months after the date of the initial application, whichever is the earlier.

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Or. el

Amendment 72
José Bové
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) a reasoned analysis of the link between the redundancies and the major structural changes in world trade patterns, or the serious disruption of the local, regional or

Amendment

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national economy caused by an unexpected crisis, *or the new market situation in the agricultural sector in the Member State and resulting from the effects of a trade agreement initialled by the European Union in accordance with Article XXIV of the GATT or a multilateral agreement initialled within the World Trade Organisation as per Article 2(c)*. This analysis shall be based on statistical and other information at the most appropriate level to demonstrate the fulfilment of the intervention criteria set out in Article 4;

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Or. fr

Amendment 73

José Bové

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By 1 August of every second year *year*, and for the first time in 2015, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and to the Council a quantitative and qualitative report on the activities under this Regulation and Regulation 1927/2006 in the previous two years. The report shall focus mainly on the results achieved by the EGF and shall in particular contain information relating to applications submitted, decisions adopted, actions funded, including their complementarity with actions funded by other Union Funds, notably the European Social Fund (ESF) *and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)*, and the winding-up of financial contributions made. It should also document those applications that have been rejected or reduced owing to a lack of sufficient appropriations or to non-

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