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# AMENDMENTS

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**Draft report**

**Victor Negrescu**

(PE576.865v01-00)

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (application EGF/2015/009 SE/Volvo Trucks, submitted by Sweden)

(COM(2016)0061 – C8-0033/2016 – 2016/2022(BUD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard to the IIA of 2 December 2013 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF);

*Amendment*

B. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible ***in order to facilitate the redeployment and reinsertion of workers made redundant***, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard to the IIA of 2 December 2013 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF);

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*E a. whereas the financial control of the actions supported by the EGF is the responsibility of the Member State, as laid down in Article 21(1) of the EGF Regulation;*

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Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Thomas Händel**  
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Expresses its regret that the Commission was unable to comply with the deadline for the completion of the assessment of this application; notes that the reason for the delay was an exceptional shortage of staff; considers that if the delay is the result of recent staff cuts in the Commission, it should be recalled that in the interest of the beneficiaries, assistance should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible; calls on Member States and the Union institutions involved in the EGF decision-making process to do their utmost to reduce processing time and simplify procedures so as to ensure the smooth and rapid adoption of decisions on the mobilisation of the EGF;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Liadh Ní Riada**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

3. Notes that the manufacture of commercial vehicles is no longer dominated by European and North American manufacturers, due to newly emerging Asian truck manufacturers; points out that the heavy truck production in the Union decreased in 2014, as well as exports of heavy commercial vehicles, buses and coaches (a decrease of EUR 6.3 billion, or - 11 %) while overall imports of commercial vehicles into the Union increased (+ 10 %); notes that the truck

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industry has found it difficult to embrace major transformation and the need to adjust while becoming ever more global; notes that the Swedish authorities *argue that the partial relocation of the Volvo Umeå plant is driven by the need to increase efficiency and decrease cost to meet existing and expected global competition*, as part of Volvo's optimisation program;

industry has found it difficult to embrace major transformation and the need to adjust while becoming ever more global; notes that the Swedish authorities *were in deed compelled to act as a consequence of Volvo's optimisation program; considers more generally that the trend of companies in this sector launching optimisation and cost saving measures while at the same time investing aggressively in Asia is a consequence of a deficient Union policy to safeguard jobs, production and know-how on its territory, at the expenses of Union taxpayers*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 5** **Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 4**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Points out that the redundancies represent a challenge in the region of the county of Västerbotten (of which Umeå is the capital) as the region's job vacancies are in highly qualified fields while most of the targeted workers have only secondary education;

##### *Amendment*

4. Points out that the redundancies represent a challenge in the region of the county of Västerbotten (of which Umeå is the capital) as the region's job vacancies are in highly qualified fields while most of the targeted workers have only secondary education; *notes that the application refers to a recent report claiming that 40 000 new workers will be needed in the Västerbotten region; welcomes the measures targeting workers who regard their educational level as insufficient for the job vacancies identified in the region, which require specialised education*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 6** **Liadh Ní Riada**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Calls on the Member States to prepare, together with the social partners, strategies to anticipate the projected labour market changes and to protect Union jobs and skills on the basis of comprehensive trade impact assessments made by the Commission for each trade agreement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Notes that young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) are not included in the application, because this region is not eligible for such intervention under the Youth Employment Initiative;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. notes, in regard to the planned measures, that in its application Sweden***

*does not allocate funds to the control of  
and reporting on those measures;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6a. Welcomes the measures targeting  
motivation and health of the workers;  
considers such actions necessary to  
strengthen motivation and provide help  
for those whose health was damaged by  
being made redundant; appreciates  
furthermore measures for the validation  
of competences of the participants;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6b. Notes the high amount to be spent on  
allowances and incentives; notes also that  
the funding of these actions is limited to a  
maximum amount of 35% of the total  
costs for the coordinated package of  
personalised measures, as set out in the  
EGF Regulation, and that these actions  
are conditional on the active participation  
of the targeted beneficiaries in job-search  
or training activities;*

**Amendment 11**

**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6c. Awaits the answer from the Commission confirming that the proposed job search allowance does not substitute the obligation of the Member State with regard to active labour market or social protection measures as well as a detailed analysis showing the complementarity of the measures supported by the EGF;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8. *Recalls that***, in line with Article 7 of the EGF Regulation, the design of the coordinated package of personalised services ***supported by the EGF*** should anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills and should be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy;

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Or. en



**Amendment 13**  
**Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Recalls the importance of improving the employability of all workers by means of adapted training and the recognition of skills and competences gained throughout a worker's professional career; expects the training on offer in the coordinated package to be adapted not only to the needs of the dismissed workers but also to the actual business environment;

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9. Recalls the importance of improving the employability of all workers by means of adapted training and the recognition of skills and competences gained throughout a worker's professional career; expects the training on offer in the coordinated package to be adapted not only to the needs of the dismissed workers but also to the actual business environment ***and the prospected future of professional sectors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Thomas Händel**

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Calls on the Commission to carefully assess cases where EGF funding is requested for redundancies resulting from delocalisation strategies of enterprises and ensure that these enterprises fully complied with mandatory responsibilities towards the redundant workers, by virtue of national law or pursuant to collective agreements and that EGF is used as a complimentary measure;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Liadh Ní Riada, Monika Vana**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***14a. Reminds the Commission of its responsibility and obligation to provide in due time detailed information confirming that the proposed job search allowance does not substitute the obligation of the Member State with regard to active labour market or social protection measures and a detailed analysis showing the complementarity of these EGF measures;***

Or. en