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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Belgium - EGF/2015/012 BE/Hainaut Machinery) (COM(2016)0242 – C8-0170/2016 – 2016/2074(BUD))

Amendment 1
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas, since 2007, the Caterpillar Group, amongst other companies of the sector, has established plants in emerging economies in Asia and Latin America whilst other were closing down in Europe; whereas the Union has done nothing but exacerbate dumping ;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Agrees with the Commission that the *conditions* set out in Article 4(2) of the *EGF* Regulation are met and that, therefore, Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 1 824 041 under *that* Regulation, which represents **60** % of the total cost of EUR 3 040 069;

1. Agrees with the Commission that the *intervention criteria* set out in Article 4(2) of the Regulation (*EU*) *No 1309/2013* are met and that, therefore, Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 1 824 041 under *this* Regulation, which represents **60%** of the total cost of EUR 3 040 069;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the **Belgian authorities submitted the application for a financial contribution from the EGF on 17 December 2015, and that its assessment was finalised by the Commission on 4 May 2016 and notified to Parliament that day;**

Amendment

2. Notes that the **Commission respected the deadline of 12 weeks from the reception of the completed application from the Belgian authorities, on 11 February 2016, until finalising its assessment on the compliance with the conditions for providing a financial contribution, on 4 May 2016 and notifying it to Parliament on the same day.**

Or. en

Amendment 4
Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria ArenaS
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that **in recent years Union trade in construction machinery has undergone serious disruptions, due to declining public and private investment in infrastructure resulting in a dramatic loss of market share for European producers, coupled with significant increase of steel prices in Europe; points out that this decline in competitiveness has led to the delocalisation, in particular to Asian countries;**

Amendment

3. Notes that **following the serious disruptions in recent years in the trade in construction machinery on the European market the demand for the products produced by the three enterprises covered by this application has decreased accordingly;**

Or. en

Amendment 5
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that in recent years Union trade in construction machinery has undergone serious disruptions, due to declining public and private investment in infrastructure resulting in a dramatic loss of market share for European producers, coupled with significant increase of steel prices in Europe; ***points out that this decline in competitiveness has led to the delocalisation***, in particular to Asian countries;

Amendment

3. Notes that in recent years Union trade in construction machinery has undergone serious disruptions, due to declining public and private investment in infrastructure ***forced by austerity policies*** resulting in a dramatic loss of market share for European producers, coupled with significant increase of steel prices in Europe ***and delocalisations***, in particular to Asian countries;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that following the announcement ***by*** Caterpillar Belgium SA on 23 February 2013 of a collective redundancy procedure in its Gosselies plant, the majority of its 1399 workers were subject of EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar application; ***points out*** that the current application is a follow-up to that application ***since*** it is part of the same ***collective*** redundancy procedure; ***further points out*** that Hainaut is facing a difficult labour market situation with an unemployment rate of ***14,5 %***, 1 236 job losses in 2013 and 1 878 in 2014 in the manufacturing sector, drop in job offers of ***13 %*** since 2012 and high proportion of underqualified labour (over half the job seekers lack upper secondary qualifications);

Amendment

4. Notes that following the announcement ***of*** Caterpillar Belgium SA on 23 February 2013 of a collective redundancy procedure in its Gosselies plant, the majority of its 1399 workers were subject of EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar application ***and*** ***points out*** that the current application is a follow-up to that application, ***as*** it is part of the same redundancy procedure; ***underlines*** that Hainaut is facing a difficult labour market situation with an unemployment rate of ***14,5% (5,9% higher than the national average)***, 1 236 job losses in 2013 and 1 878 in 2014 in the manufacturing sector, drop in job offers of ***13%*** since 2012 and high proportion of underqualified labour, ***as*** over half ***of*** the job seekers lack upper secondary qualifications, ***as well as high levels of long-term unemployment, which stands at 39,0% of overall unemployment***

Amendment 7

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the fact that the Belgian authorities started providing the personalised services to the *affected workers* on 1 January 2015, well ahead of the application for the EGF support *for the proposed coordinated package*;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that Belgian authorities started providing the personalised services to the *targeted beneficiaries* on 1 January 2015, well ahead of the application for the EGF support;

Amendment 8

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that Belgium is planning *six* types of measures for redundant workers covered by this application: *(i)* support/guidance/integration, *(ii)* facilitating job-search, *(iii)* integrated training, *(iv)* support for enterprise creation, *(v)* support for collective projects, *and (vi) job-search* and training allowances, *taking into consideration the potential of the area and the business environment*;

Amendment

6. Notes that Belgium is planning *the following* types of measures for redundant workers covered by this application: support/guidance/integration; facilitating job-search; integrated training; support for enterprise creation; support for collective projects, *job search* and training allowances;

Amendment 9

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Welcomes the fact that the allowances and incentives, for which Belgium confirmed that they are conditional on the active participation of the targeted beneficiaries in job-search or training activities, (Actions under Article 7(1)(b) of the EGF Regulation) are limited to less than 5 % of the total costs, which is far below the threshold of 35% of the total cost for the package of personalised measures allowed by the Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Notes that workers in the 55 - 64 age group make up 35,9 % of the targeted beneficiaries ; considers that they are at a higher risk of long-term unemployment and social exclusion and have specific needs when it comes to providing them with personalised approach in accordance with the Article 7 of the EGF Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Calls on the Commission to provide information on the results of on-going support for the redundant workers of Caterpillar, as the part of current application is a follow-up to the EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar application;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. **Notes that the** personalised services **provided to NEETs** shall include: (i) mobilisation and guidance either **for** further education/training or to follow induction sessions, (ii) training, (iii) personalised upskilling, **and (iv)** job-search, training and mobility allowances;

7. **Welcomes that additionally to the 488 workers dismissed, 300 young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) under the age of 25 from the same region are expected to participate in the measures and receive** personalised services **co-financed by EGF, which** shall include: mobilisation and guidance, either **to** further education/training or to follow induction sessions **to explore interests; specific training courses;** personalised upskilling; job-search, training and mobility allowances;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Welcomes the extension of the access to the EGF for NEETs; notes however that this access is currently limited by the EGF Regulation until 31 December 2017; calls for the revision of the EGF Regulation, in the framework of the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework, in order to enable the access of NEETs to continue after 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Welcomes the fact that the Belgian authorities are proposing special measures designed for NEETs, targeting in this way more specifically their needs;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Notes the importance of launching an information campaign in order to

reach the NEETs who could be eligible under these measures; recalls its position on the need to help the NEETs in a permanent and sustainable way;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Notes* that the coordinated package of personalised services ***has been drawn up in consultation*** with all stakeholders including social partners, enterprises and the public employment services;

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes the fact*** that the coordinated package of personalised services ***was established following further consultations*** with all stakeholders including social partners, enterprises and the public employment services, ***who will also follow the implementation of the proposed measures through a monitoring committee***;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8 a. Welcomes especially the approach of Belgian authorities and the cooperation with social partners for granting support to collective projects for workers who consider setting up a "social enterprise" together as a group, as a measure with a highly value added potential;

Amendment

Amendment 18

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***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;***

Amendment

9. ***Notes that the proposed actions, constitute active labour market measures within the eligible actions set out in Article 7 of the EGF Regulation and recalls that, in line with this article, the personalised services provided are expected to anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills and be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy; notes, at the same time, that these actions do not substitute passive social protection measures;***

Amendment 19

Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. 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;

Amendment

9. 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 ***and take into account the experience gained so far in supporting the dismissed***

*workers under EGF/2014/011
BE/Caterpillar application;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *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, especially when negotiating trade agreements in order to ensure fair competition rules and common measures against economic, social and environmental dumping ; recalls its call for a proper revision of the Union's trade defence instruments ;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *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*

10. *Highlights the need of improving employability of all workers by adapted training and expects that the training offered in the coordinated package will meet both needs of the workers and the business environment;*

business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. 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;

Amendment

10. 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 ***and anticipated*** business environment ***in the region and in the neighbouring regions***;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls on the Commission to revise the rules on state aid in order to enable state intervention to enhance socially and environmentally beneficial projects, and to help SMEs and industries in difficulties by contributing to reconstructing their production capacities, which have been heavily hit by the global financial and economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Asks the Commission to **further detail**, in future proposals, the sectors **in which the workers are likely to find employment and whether the training on offer is aligned to the future economic prospects and labour market needs in the regions concerned by the dismissals**;*

Amendment

11. ***Reiterates the call on the Commission to **provide more details** in future proposals **on** the sectors **having prospects to grow, and therefore to hire people, as well as to gather substantiated data on the impact of the EGF funding, including on the quality of jobs and the reintegration rate achieved through EGF****;*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Patricija Šulin, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Asks the Commission to further detail, in future proposals, the sectors in which the workers are likely to find employment and whether the training on offer is aligned to the future economic prospects and labour market needs in the regions concerned by the dismissals;*

Amendment

11. *Asks the Commission to further detail, in future proposals, the sectors in which the workers are likely to find employment and whether the training on offer is aligned to the future economic prospects and labour market needs in the regions concerned by the dismissals **and the neighbouring regions**;*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes that, to date, the Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. sector has been the subject of 14 EGF applications, *including this one*, 8 of which *were* based on *trade-related* globalisation and 6 on the global financial and economic crisis;

Amendment

13. Notes that, to date, the Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. sector has been the subject of 14 EGF applications, 8 of which based on *trade related* globalisation and 6 on the global financial and economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Thomas Händel, Jeroen Lenaers, Maria Arena, Marian Harkin
on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Asks* the Commission *again* to assure public access to all the documents related to EGF cases;

Amendment

16. *Reiterates its call to* the Commission to assure public access to all the documents related to EGF cases.

Or. en