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AMENDMENTS

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Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Sweden – EGF/2017/007 SE/Ericsson
(COM(2017)0782 – 2018/2012(BUD))

Amendment 1
Ivana Maletić

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;

Amendment

B. whereas, ***in order to facilitate the redeployment and reinsertion of workers made redundant***, the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the application is based on the intervention criteria of point (a) of Article 4(1) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 500 workers being made redundant over a reference period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State;

Amendment

D. whereas the application is based on the intervention criteria of point (a) of Article 4(1) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 500 workers being made redundant over a reference period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State, ***including workers made redundant by suppliers and downstream producers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased***;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

3 a. *Regrets the low take up of the previous 2016 EGF case involving redundancies at Ericsson but is pleased that lessons have been learnt from it; notes with approval that former employees targeted by the current application will be able to take up education and training without adversely affecting their redundancy payments;*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that Sweden argues that the redundancies are linked to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, more particularly to the negative growth in the hardware-centric business line of the telecom industry for Ericsson in Sweden, because of global competition; points out that Ericsson has gradually been cutting staff in Sweden, but in the meantime been growing tremendously worldwide;

Amendment

4. Notes that Sweden argues that the redundancies are linked to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, more particularly to the negative growth in the hardware-centric business line of the telecom industry for Ericsson in Sweden, because of global competition; points out that Ericsson, *as a result of a combination of a slowdown in the economy and technology upgradation, resulting in less people being required*, has gradually been cutting staff in Sweden, but in the meantime been growing tremendously worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is aware that there is a huge demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; ***acknowledges that many people with the same skills are being made redundant at the same time, in the same geographical areas;***

Amendment

5. Is aware that there is a huge demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; ***is, concerned however by the fact that such lay-offs may further compound the unemployment situation that the regions in question have been facing since the onset of the economic and financial crisis and of the Ericsson deployment in Asia;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is aware that there is a huge demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; acknowledges that many people with the same skills are being made redundant at the same time, in the same geographical areas;

Amendment

5. Is aware that there is a huge demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; acknowledges that many people with the same skills are being made redundant at the same time, in the same geographical areas; ***notes that the EGF could also facilitate the cross border movement of workers from shrinking sectors located in some Member States to expanding sectors in other Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 8

Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

5. Is aware that there is a huge demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; ***considers that blue collar and older workers are in particular need of assistance;***

Or. en

Amendment 9

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is aware that there is a **huge** demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; acknowledges that many people with the same skills are being made redundant at the same time, in the same geographical areas;

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5. Is aware that there is a **high** demand for people with skills in IT across the different regions, while there is a skills mismatch from those dismissed by Ericsson and labour market requirements; acknowledges that many people with the same skills are being made redundant at the same time, in the same geographical areas;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls the diversity of employees, both blue- and white-collar, affected by the redundancies; and is concerned that some workers face a labour market with rather low demand in traditional manufacturing industries; acknowledges the opportunities for these workers in the public or private sector service industries, which would require major retraining efforts;

Amendment

6. Recalls the diversity of employees, both blue- and white-collar, affected by the redundancies; and is concerned that some workers face a labour market with rather low demand in traditional manufacturing industries; acknowledges the opportunities for these workers in the public or private sector service industries, which would require major retraining efforts; ***underlines further that globalisation adjustment funds would have a stronger long-term impact if they strengthened large-scale public investment plans ;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Stresses that a serious policy of preventing and pre-empting restructurings should be given priority over any use of the EGF; is convinced that a coherent Union-wide strategy would reduce the risk of relocation and create an environment conducive to the return of industrial production to the Union; stresses also the importance of a genuine industrial policy at Union level to bring about sustainable and inclusive growth;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that the application relates to 2388 workers made redundant by Ericsson, of whom 900 will be targeted by the proposed measures; points to the fact that more than 30 % of this group are in the age category of 55–64 years with skills specific to the telecoms hardware industry, which are outdated for the current job market, and they are therefore in a disadvantaged position to return to it and in a risk of long-term unemployment;

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7. Notes that the application relates to 2388 workers made redundant by Ericsson, of whom 900 will be targeted by the proposed measures; points to the fact that more than 30 % of this group are in the age category of 55–64 years with skills specific to the telecoms hardware industry, which are outdated for the current job market, and they are therefore in a disadvantaged position to return to it and in a risk of long-term unemployment; **welcomes, therefore, the "Measures for Disadvantaged Groups" focus of the project ;**

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marita Ulvskog
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 decision to provide specialised help to redundant workers above the age of 50 who are in danger of becoming long-term unemployed, and those with learning or physical disabilities, in view of the increased challenges they are likely to face in finding alternative work;*

Or. en

Amendment 14

Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that the cost of allowances and incentives for dismissed workers reaches almost up to the limit of 35 % of the total cost of the coordinated package of personalised services listed under the EGF Regulation (point (b) of Article 7 (1));

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that Sweden is planning five types of actions for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) counselling and career planning, (ii) measures for disadvantaged groups, (iii) entrepreneurship support, (iv) education and training, (v) job search and mobility allowances;

Amendment

9. Notes that Sweden is planning five types of actions for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) counselling and career planning, (ii) measures for disadvantaged groups, (iii) entrepreneurship support, (iv) education and training, (v) job search and mobility allowances; ***notes also that the proposed actions would help redundant workers to adapt their skills and facilitate their transition to new jobs or help them set up their own enterprises; stresses that the measures described constitute active labour market measures within the eligible actions set out in Article 7(1) of the EGF Regulation and do not substitute social protection measures;***

Or. en

Amendment 16

Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that Sweden is planning five types of actions for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) counselling and career planning, (ii) measures for disadvantaged groups, (iii) entrepreneurship support, (iv) education and training, (v) job search and mobility allowances;

Amendment

9. Notes that Sweden is planning five types of actions for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) counselling and career planning, (ii) measures for disadvantaged groups, (iii) entrepreneurship support, (iv) education and training, (v) job search and mobility allowances; ***welcomes Sweden's decision to start providing personalised services to the targeted beneficiaries in February 2017, in advance of the EGF application;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Acknowledges* that the coordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries and their representatives as well as local public actors;

Amendment

10. *Welcomes the fact* that the coordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries and their representatives as well as local public actors; *points out that strong social dialogue based on mutual trust and shared responsibility is the best tool with which to seek consensual solutions and common outlooks when predicting, preventing and managing restructuring processes; stresses that that could help prevent job losses and, therefore, new EGF cases;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Acknowledges that the coordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries and their representatives as well as local public actors;

Amendment

10. Acknowledges that the coordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries and their representatives as well as local public actors; *calls for more consultations with entrepreneurs in order to match the development of new skills and education to their needs;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Liadh Ní Riada

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Points out that the coordinated package of personalised services benefiting from the EGF should be targeted, in terms of its design, to initiatives conducive to employment, to the upskilling of workers and to making the most of their employment history so as to reach out to the business community, including cooperatives, and should be coordinated with existing Union programmes, including the European Social Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Recalls that, in accordance with Article 7 of the EGF Regulation, the design of the coordinated package of personalised services should anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills and should be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy; welcomes the obligation for the Swedish Public Employment Service to include environmental demands in its calls for tender and in its own practice.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to urge national authorities to provide more details, in future proposals, on the sectors which have growth prospects and are therefore likely 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 the EGF;

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13. Calls on the Commission to urge national authorities to provide more details, in future proposals, on the sectors which have growth prospects and are therefore likely to hire people, as well as to gather substantiated data on the impact of the EGF funding, including on the quality, ***duration and sustainability of new jobs, on the number and percentage of self-employed persons and start-ups***, and the reintegration rate achieved through the EGF;

Or. en