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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 the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2012/023 IT/Antonio Merloni SpA from Italy) (COM(2013)0090 – C7-0046/2013 – 2013/2032(BUD))

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## Amendment 1

Alda Sousa

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital C

##### *Proposal for a decision*

C. 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 for the IIA of 17 May 2006 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the EGF,

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic ***and efficient, namely by ensuring adequate assistance on finding and retaining new jobs***, and made available as quickly 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 for the IIA of 17 May 2006 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the EGF,

Or. en

## Amendment 2

Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin

### Proposal for a decision

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Proposal for a decision*

2. Notes that the Italian authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 29 December 2011, ***supplemented by additional information up to 4 September 2012***; notes that its assessment was made available by the Commission on 20 February 2013;

##### *Amendment*

2. Notes ***with regret*** that the Italian authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 29 December 2011 ***and*** that its assessment was made available by the European Commission on 20 February 2013; ***regrets the lengthy evaluation period of 14 months; calls on the Commission to conclude evaluation phase and finally present proposals for decisions on the four remaining cases submitted in 2011***;

**Amendment 3**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes that Antonio Merloni SpA was ruled insolvent already in October 2008 and the sale of its assets and the take over of 700 workers were concluded only in December 2011; notes that the Italian authorities launched their original request for EGF assistance previously in 2009; however, the application had to be re-launched in late 2011 given that the workers were formally dismissed only when the assets had been sold and administrative proceedings concluded;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***3b. Recalls that already in 2008 the Parliament sent a written question to the Commission bringing its attention to the gravity of dismissals in Antonio Merloni SpA and calling for a quick reaction at Union level by means of EGF and of cohesion funds to alleviate the situation of the regions concerned;***

**Amendment 5**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision  
Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***3c. Recalls that the EGF has already supported workers dismissed in the sector of manufacturing of domestic appliances (case EGF/2009/010 LT/Snaige);***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision  
Paragraph 5**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the fact that in order to provide workers with ***rapid*** assistance, the Italian authorities decided to ***start*** the implementation of the ***personalised*** measures on 29 March 2012, well ahead of the final decision on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;

5. Welcomes the fact that in order to provide workers with ***speedy*** assistance, the Italian authorities decided to ***initiate*** the implementation of the measures on 29 March 2012, well ahead of the final decision on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package; ***however, deplores that the EGF could only intervene almost 3 years and a half after the company had been ruled insolvent;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 7**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***7a. Welcomes the fact that the design of the measures was consulted with the social partners and that it made part of social plan "Accordo di Programma" signed by the Ministry of Economic Development and the concerned regions and that the implementation of the EGF support will be monitored by a coordination group;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 8**

**Alda Sousa**

**on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Paragraph 8**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

8. 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 level and needs of the dismissed workers but also to the actual business environment;

8. 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 ***and the equal access to EGF independently of their type of employment contract and employment relationship;*** expects the training on offer in the coordinated package to be adapted not only to the level and needs of the dismissed workers but also to the actual business environment;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8a. Asks the Commission to further detail in future proposals the types of training to be provided through a voucher, in which sectors 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; however, welcomes the strict link between the voucher and each worker's agreed pathway of reintegration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8b. Calls on the Italian authorities to use the EGF support to its full potential and to encourage the maximum number of workers to participate in the measures; recalls that early EGF interventions in Italy suffered from relatively low rate of budget implementation mainly due to low participation rates;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8c. Welcomes in the coordinated package of personalised services the modul "Guidance for over-50s" intended for older employees, which make 12% of the targeted labour force;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 d (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8d. Welcomes the fact that the contribution to expenses of residence shall only be paid as a one-off contribution upon presentation of proof of the expenditure incurred;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 e (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8e. Takes note that 5 684 000 EUR of the***



*total cost of the package of services amounting to 7 451 972 EUR is devoted to various financial incentives and allowances, including the facilitation of dismissed workers mobility; recommends that a proportionate amount should be dedicated to training-related measures in future mobilisations;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 14**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

#### **Proposal for a decision Paragraph 8f (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

*8f. Points out that the biggest part of the costs of personalised services is to be committed to "Job search allowance" (2 000 EUR per worker for the days of participations to EGF measures), which is an equivalent of the Italian subsistence allowance "CIGS" for the sake of simplification; reiterates therefore that the EGF support should primarily be allocated to training programs instead of contributing directly to financial allowances which are the responsibility of Member States by virtue of national law; recommends that in future cases of a mobilisation of that Fund such measures should be discouraged;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 15**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Paragraph 8 g (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***8g. Notes the relatively high "Hiring benefit" (5 000 EUR per worker); welcomes the fact that such measures will only be disbursed to employers guaranteeing permanent contracts for targeted workers and expects the Commission to deliver the relevant detailed information regarding the contract conditions for these workers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Edit Bauer, Pervenche Berès, Mara Bizzotto, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a decision  
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

***10a. Underlines the importance of good and swift cooperation between the Commission and Member States when preparing applications under the coming new EGF regulation;***

Or. en