REPORT


Committee on Budgets

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MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

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 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/2013/007 BE/Hainaut Steel (Duferco-NLMK), from Belgium)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2014)0725 – C8-0013/2015),


– having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-20202, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

– having regard to 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 management3 (IIA of 2 December 2013), and in particular point 13 thereof,

– having regard to the trilogue procedure provided for in point 13 of the IIA of 2 December 2013,

– having regard to the letter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,

– having regard to the letter of the Committee on Regional Development,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0031/2015),

A. whereas the Union has set up legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,

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

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Adjustment Fund (EGF),

C. whereas the adoption of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013\(^1\) reflects the agreement reached between the Parliament and the Council to reintroduce the crisis mobilisation criterion, to increase Union financial contribution to 60 % of the total estimated cost of proposed measures, to increase efficiency for the treatment of EGF applications in the Commission and by the Parliament and the Council by shortening the time for assessment and approval, to widen eligible actions and beneficiaries by introducing self-employed persons and young people and to finance incentives for setting up own businesses;

D. whereas Belgium submitted application EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainaut steel for a financial contribution from the EGF following 708 redundancies in two companies, linked to the closure of Duferco and to staff reductions at NLMK, operating in the NACE 2 Division 24 'Manufacturing of basic metals', and both located in La Louvière in the Hainaut region; whereas the redundancies took place during the reference period from 22 January 2013 to 22 October 2013 and are linked to a decline of the Union's market share in in the sector of steel production,

E. whereas the financial contribution requested from the EGF amounts to EUR 981 956 (50 % of the total budget),

F. whereas the application fulfils the eligibility criteria laid down in the EGF Regulation,

1. Notes that the conditions set out in Article 2(b) of the EGF Regulation are met, therefore agrees with the Commission that Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution under that Regulation;

2. Notes that the Belgian authorities submitted the application for EGF financial contribution on 27 September 2013 under EGF Regulation, which does not cap the time for instruction and that its assessment was made available by the Commission on 9 December 2014;

3. Expresses concerns about the length of the procedure from the date of the first redundancies until the assessment of the application; recalls that the goal of EGF is to offer help to redundant workers as quickly as possible; emphasises that the EGF application was submitted on the 27th of September 2013 thus by the time it reached voting in the Budget Committee almost one year and a half had passed;

4. Welcomes the fact that, in order to provide workers with speedy assistance, the Belgian authorities decided to initiate the implementation of the personalised services to the affected workers on 1 June 2013, well ahead of the decision and even the application on granting the EGF support for the proposed coordinated package;

5. Considers that the redundancies in Duferco and NLMK are linked to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, given that the steel production sector

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has undergone serious economic disruption, in particular a rapid decline in the EU’s market share; furthermore, as a consequence of the economic crisis and a relative increase in production costs, world trade patterns were worsened by other factors such as a decline in demand for steel in the automotive and construction sector;

6. Notes that, according to data referred to by the Belgian authorities\(^1\), between 2006 and 2011, the production of crude steel in the EU-27 decreased from 206.9 million tonnes to 177.7 million tonnes (− 14.1 %; − 3.0 % annual growth\(^3\)), whereas, at worldwide level, production increased from 1249.0 million tonnes to 1518.3 million tonnes (+ 21.6 %; + 4.0 % annual growth); understands that this has led to a decrease in the EU-27’s market share in the production of crude steel, measured in volume terms, from 16.6 % in 2006 to 11.7 % in 2011 (− 29.4 %; − 6.7 % annual growth) and points, by comparison, to the increase in the Chinese market share from 33.7 % to 45.0 % during the same period;

7. Notes that this is the fifth EGF application in the steel sector, out of which three were based on globalisation and one on the global financial and economic crisis; stresses the need for an efficient and coordinated approach at Union level in order to fight unemployment in the steel sector;

8. Notes that the redundancies at Duferco and NLMK are expected to have a negative impact on the Hainaut region, a former coal-mining and steelmaking area in which employment is strongly dependant on traditional heavy industry and on the public sector, where in 2012 the unemployment rate was 17.7 %, compared to 15.8 % on average in Wallonia and 11.2 % at national level\(^2\) and peaked at 39 % for the persons aged from 18 to 25; highlights that the low level of qualification of jobseekers (51 % do not have higher secondary education, compared to 47 % in Wallonia) is an additional difficulty for the job search;

9. Notes that, in the context of the economic situation and the number of redundancies in the metallurgical industry in the region, in order to find a new job in that region, the workers from Duferco and NLMK will have to retrain to find jobs in other occupations and other sectors;

10. Notes that the coordinated package of personalised services to be co-funded includes following measures for the reintegration of 701 redundant workers into employment (grouped by category): (1) individual job-search assistance, case management and general information services, (2) training and retraining and (3) promotion of entrepreneurship;

11. Welcomes the fact that the various social partners and organisations were involved in general coordination and implementation of the measures including: trade unions (FGTB, CSC), FOREM (the public employment and training service of the Walloon Region), the sectoral vocational and technological training centres active in the Walloon region, the European Social Fund Agency of the French Community of Belgium and the Walloon Government; appreciates furthermore that trade unions are directly involved in

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\(^{1}\) Source: World Steel Association, *Steel Statistical Yearbook 2012.*

\(^{2}\) Compound annual growth rate.

\(^{3}\) Source: Steunpunt WSE.
the management of the two Redeployment Units specifically set up for each separate company;

12. Welcomes the active labour market measures proposed to improve employability of redundant workers; recalls that allowances are not listed among the personalised services to be supported by EGF;

13. 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 potential of the area.

14. Notes that the proposed measures also target a group of managers of the companies concerned;

15. Welcomes the fact that the principle of equality between women and men as well as of non-discrimination has been, and will continue to be, applied during the various stages of implementation of and access to the EGF measures;

16. Stresses that EGF assistance can co-finance only active labour market measures which lead to durable, long-term employment; reiterates that assistance from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements nor measures restructuring companies or sectors;

17. Notes that measures which are mandatory under collective redundancy procedures in Belgium and which are carried out as part of the standard activities of the Redeployment Units (e.g. outplacement support, training, job-search assistance and careers advice, etc.) are not included in this EGF application; notes that more than half of the total estimated costs are to be spent on redeployment services, namely support, guidance and integration measures;

18. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

19. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union;

20. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.
ANNEX: DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the 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/2013/007 BE/Hainaut steel (Duferco-NLMK) from Belgium)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund¹, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Having regard to 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 management², and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.


(3) Belgium submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in the enterprises Duferco Belgium SA and NLMK La Louvière SA, on 27 September 2013 and supplemented it by additional information up to 4 July 2014. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.

(4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of an amount of EUR 981 956 for the application submitted by Belgium,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 981 956 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I. Background

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund has been created in order to provide additional assistance to workers suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns.

According to the provisions of Article 12 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020\(^1\) and of the Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006\(^2\), the Fund may not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices). The appropriate amounts are entered into the general budget of the Union as a provision.

As concerns the procedure, according to 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\(^3\), in order to activate the Fund the Commission, in case of a positive assessment of an application, presents to the budgetary authority a proposal for mobilisation of the Fund and, at the same time, a corresponding request for transfer. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue shall be initiated.

II. The Hainaut Steel application and the Commission’s proposal

On 9 December 2014, the Commission adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the EGF in favour of Belgium to support the reintegration in the labour market of workers made redundant, due to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

This is the first application to be examined under the 2015 budget and refers to the mobilisation of a total amount of EUR 981 956 from the EGF for Belgium. It concerns 708 redundancies in the reference period from 22 January 2013 to 22 October 2013. The application is based on the intervention criteria of Article 2(b) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 500 redundancies over a period of nine months in enterprises operating in the same economic sector defined at NACE Rev. 2 division level and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level in a Member State.

The application was sent to the Commission on 27 September 2013. The Commission has concluded that the application meets the conditions for deploying the EGF as set out in Article 2(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006\(^4\) (EGF Regulation),

According to data referred to by the Belgian authorities, the sector of the production of steel has undergone serious economic disruption, in particular a rapid decline of the EU’s market share: between 2006 and 2011, the production of crude steel in the EU-27 decreased from 206.9 million tonnes to 177.7 million tonnes (−14.1 %; −3.0 % annual growth\(^5\)), whereas, at

\(^5\) Compound annual growth rate.
worldwide level, production increased from 1 249.0 million tonnes to 1 518.3 million tonnes (+ 21.6 %; + 4.0 % annual growth). This has led to a decrease of the EU-27’s market share in the production of crude steel, measured in volume terms, from 16.6 % in 2006 to 11.7 % in 2011 (− 29.4 %; − 6.7 % annual growth). By comparison, during the same period, China’s market share increased from 33.7 % to 45.0 % (+ 33.6 %; + 6.0 % annual growth).

Moreover, the effects of these changes in trade patterns have been worsened by other factors such as a decrease in demand in steel in the automotive and construction sectors in the EU as a consequence of the economic crisis and a relative increase of production costs (raw materials, energy, environmental constraints, etc.). These factors have harmed the competitiveness of the EU’s steel industry and have led to a high number of job losses in the steel sector in recent years due to plant closures and restructuring by several steel manufacturers in Europe 1. For instance, between 2008 and 2013, the number of persons employed in the metallurgic industry (NACE Rev. 2 division 24 ‘Manufacture of basic metals’) in the EU-27 decreased by around 280 000 from 1.44 million to 1.16 million (− 19.4 %) 2.

The coordinated package of personalised services to be co-funded includes following measures for the reintegration of 701 redundant workers into employment: individual job-search assistance, case management and general information services, training and retraining and promotion of entrepreneurship.

According to the Belgian authorities, the measures initiated on 1 June 2013 combine to form a co-ordinated package of personalised services and represent active labour market measures with the aim of re-integrating the workers into the labour market.

The Belgian authorities have confirmed in their application that:

– the financial contribution from the EGF will not replace measures which are the responsibility of enterprises by virtue of national law or collective agreements 3;

– the measures provide support for individual workers and are not used for restructuring enterprises or sectors;

– the measures will not receive financial support from other Union funds or financial instruments 4.

1 cf. Communication from the Commission to the Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions – Action Plan for a competitive and sustainable steel industry in Europe (COM(2013) 407).

2 Source: Eurostat (online data code: ifsa_egan22d). Data on employment by sector is not available at a more disaggregated level than NACE Rev. 2 division level.

3 The financial contribution from the EGF will enable the Belgian authorities to extend the provision of outplacement services beyond the mandatory periods and to carry out additional measures. For calculating the costs allocated to the EGF, the Belgian authorities will take into account the measures carried out during the legal obligation period (this only relates to the measure ‘Redeployment (support / guidance / integration)’. The number of hours of outplacement services carried out during the mandatory period will be deducted from the total number of hours of outplacement services that each targeted beneficiary will have benefitted from.

4 Financial support from the ESF was awarded under Axis 2.2 of the Convergence Operational...
Concerning management and control systems, Belgium has notified that the financial contribution from the EGF will be managed and controlled by the same bodies as for the ESF. One entity within the ESF Agency of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation will act as managing authority and another separate entity within the ESF Agency will act as paying authority. The Secretariat-General of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation will act as certifying authority and FOREM will act as intermediary body.

III. Procedure

In order to mobilise the Fund, the Commission has submitted to the Budget Authority a transfer request for a global amount of EUR 981 956.

This is the second transfer proposal for the mobilisation of the Fund transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2015.

The trilogue on the Commission's proposal for a Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF could take a simplified form, as provided for in Article 12(5) of the legal base, unless there is no agreement between the Parliament and the Council.

According to an internal agreement, the Employment and Social Affairs Committee will be associated to the process, in order to provide constructive support and contribution to the assessment of the applications from the Fund.

Programme for 2008-2013 to a project (EnTrain – En Transition-Reconversion-Accompagnement) which aimed to develop pedagogical methods for Redeployment Units in general.
Subject: Opinion on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for the case EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainaut steel (Duferco-NLMK) (COM(2014) 553)

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) as well as its Working Group on the EGF examined the mobilisation of the EGF for the case EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainaut steel (Duferco-NLMK) and adopted the following opinion.

The EMPL committee and the Working Group on the EGF are in favour of the mobilisation of the Fund concerning this request. In this respect, the EMPL committee presents some remarks without, however, putting into question the transfer of the payments.

The deliberations of the EMPL committee are based on the following considerations:

A) Whereas this application is based on Article 2(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 and relates to 708 redundancies made during a period of nine months from 22 January 2013 to 22 October 2013 (which includes 381 redundancies at Duferco and 327 redundancies at NLMK) located in the same region of La Louvière, central Hainaut and operate in the same sector of economic activity (NACE Rev. 2 division 24 ‘Manufacture of basic metals’);

B) Whereas in order to establish the link between the redundancies and major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation the Belgian authorities argue that the sector of the production of steel has undergone serious economic disruption, in particular a rapid decline of the EU’s market share; whereas the effects of these changes in trade patterns have been worsened by other factors such as a decrease in demand in steel in the automotive and construction sectors in the EU as a consequence of the economic crisis and a relative increase of production costs (raw materials, energy, environmental constraints, etc.);

C) Whereas these factors have led to a high number of job losses in the steel sector in recent years due to plant closures and restructuring by several steel manufacturers in (between
2008 and 2013, the number of persons employed in the metallurgical industry the EU-27 decreased by around 280 000 from 1.44 million to 1.16 million;

D) Whereas since the launch of the EGF in 2007, there have been four EGF applications in the steel sector, three of these applications were linked to major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and one to the global financial and economic crisis;

E) Whereas the majority (97%) of the workers targeted by the measures are men; whereas the largest age group is group between 25 and 54 years old (83%) and the second biggest group of workers (14%) are between 55 and 64 years old;

F) Whereas the Belgian authorities stress the importance of the traditional heavy industry on the employment in the region (the manufacturing industry accounts for nearly 12 % of paid employment in the area);

G) Whereas in 2012, the unemployment rate in central Hainaut was 17.7 %, compared to 15.8 % on average in Wallonia and 11.2 % at national level;

Therefore, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to integrate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution concerning the Belgian application:

1. Agrees with the Commission that the intervention criteria set out in Article 2(a) of the Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 are met and that, therefore, Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution under this Regulation;

2. Notes that measures which are mandatory under collective redundancies procedures in Belgium and which are carried out as part of the standard activities of the Redeployment Units (e.g. outplacement support, training, job-search assistance and careers advice, etc.) are not included in this EGF application;

3. Notes that in the context of economic situation in the region and the number of redundancies in the metallurgical industry in the region, to find a new job in the area, the workers from Duferco and NLMK will have to retrain to find jobs in other occupations and other sectors;

4. Welcomes that proposed measures are specified and targeted to various need of training and retraining;

5. Notes that the proposed measures targeted also a group of managers of the concerned companies;

6. Welcomes that the measures are the result of discussions and preparatory meetings among the various social partners involved, welcomes that the trade unions are directly involved in the management of the Redeployment Units and in the implementation of certain measures;

7. Notes that more than half of the total estimated costs are to be spent on redeployment services, namely support, guidance and integration measures; notes that these measures
will be provided by FOREM (the public employment and training service of the Walloon Region), which acts as an intermediary body in the implementation of this application.

Yours sincerely,

Marita ULVSKOG,
Acting Chair, 1st Vice-Chair
ANNEX: LETTER OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Jean ARTHUIS
Chairman
Committee on Budgets
European Parliament
ASP 09 G 205
B 1047 Brussels

Dear Mr. Arthuis,

Subject: Mobilisations of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Six separate Commission proposals for decisions to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) have been referred for opinion to the Committee on Regional Development. I understand that it is intended that reports on each of these will be adopted in the Committee on Budgets on 26 February:

- **COM(2014)0725** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 981 956 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 708 workers made redundant following both the closure of Duferco Belgium SA and staff reductions at NLMK La Louvière SA, operating in the sector of the manufacture of basic metals in Hainaut Province, Belgium.

- **COM(2014)0726** is a proposal for an EGF contribution of EUR 1 094 760 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 657 workers made redundant in aleo solar AG and its two subsidiaries, aleo solar Dritte Produktion GmbH (Prenzlau) and aleo solar Deutschland GmbH (Oldenburg), operating in the sector of the manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products in the regions of Brandenburg and Weser-Ems, Germany.

- **COM(2014)0734** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 1 591 486 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 1285 workers made redundant following redundancies in ArcelorMittal Liège S.A., operating in the sector of the manufacture of basic metals in Liège Region, Belgium.

- **COM(2014)0735** is a proposal for an EGF contribution of EUR 1 222 854 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 1030 workers made redundant in Caterpillar Belgium S.A, operating in the sector of the manufacture of machinery and equipment redundant, in Hainaut Province, Belgium.

- **COM(2015)0009** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 1 339 928 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 257 workers made redundant in...
redundant following the closure of the automotive safety glass production plant of Saint-Gobain Sekurit Benelux in Auvelais, Belgium.

- **COM(2015)0013** proposes an EGF contribution of EUR 115 205 for active labour market measures in order to facilitate the re-integration of 615 workers made redundant in the manufacturer of chemical products Zaklady Chemiczne Zachem in Poland.

The Committee coordinators have assessed these proposals, and asked me to write to you stating that the majority of this Committee has no objection to these mobilisations of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to allocate the above-mentioned amounts as proposed by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Iskra MIHAYLOVA
# RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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