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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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(PE612.295v01-00)

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
(application from Finland – EGF/2017/005 FI/Retail)
(COM(2017)0618 – C8-0364/2017 – 2017/2231(BUD))

Amendment 1
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that the Finnish authorities ***submitted*** the application on 12 ***June 2017***, ***and that, following additional information provided by Finland***, the Commission ***finalised*** its assessment on 23 October 2017 and notified it to Parliament on the same day;

2. Notes that the Commission ***respected the deadline of 12 weeks from the reception of the completed*** application ***from*** the Finnish authorities ***until finalisation of*** its assessment on ***the compliance with the conditions for providing a financial contribution***, on 23 October 2017, and notified its assessment to Parliament on the same day;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Notes that all four NUTS-2 regions of Finland are affected by the dismissals that occurred at two major Finnish department store chains; recognises that such stores have faced declining cash-flow and profitability arising from the growth of e-commerce, changing shopping habits and weak consumer confidence;*

Or. en

Amendment 4

Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is aware that, at the same time, a major change in the nature of retail jobs has occurred, with part-time jobs requiring new skills, such as IT, forecasting, data analysis, communication, customer knowledge and logistical skills, on the rise; regrets that 43% of Finnish retail staff, who are over 45 years old, lacks such skills;

Amendment

5. Is aware that, at the same time, a major change in the nature of retail jobs has occurred, with part-time jobs requiring new skills, such as IT, forecasting, data analysis, communication, customer knowledge and logistical skills, on the rise; regrets that 43% of Finnish retail staff, who are over 45 years old, lacks such skills; ***considers that impediments to re-employment for those over 50 years old represent an important issue and awaits with interest an evaluation of the career coaching pilots that have been included for this group of redundant workers;***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that Finland is planning seven types of measures for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) coaching measures and other preparatory measures, (ii) employment and other business measures, (iii) training courses, (iv) start-up grants, (v) career coaching pilots, (vi) pay subsidies, (vii) allowances for travel and accommodation;

Amendment

7. Notes that Finland is planning seven types of measures for the redundant workers covered by this application: (i) coaching measures and other preparatory measures, (ii) employment and other business measures, (iii) training courses, (iv) start-up grants, (v) career coaching pilots, (vi) pay subsidies, (vii) allowances for travel and accommodation; **welcomes the planned career coaching pilots looking at physical, mental, or other issues that may act as an impediment to re-employment for beneficiaries over 50 years old; notes that sufficient funds are allocated to control and reporting;**

Or. en

Amendment 6

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

7a. Is concerned that employers receiving pay subsidies are not obliged to continue employing those workers for longer periods than that of the subsidy; notes that previous Finnish experience suggests that such workers find employment and move out of the subsidy system relatively quickly;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. *Notes that the income supports measures will be 22,05% of the overall package of personalised measures, well below the maximum 35% 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;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. *Acknowledges that* the coordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up ***in consultation with*** representatives of the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and Environment of Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, Phjis-Pohjanmaa, Varsinais-Suomi and ***the*** Employment and Economic Development Office of Uusimaa, as well as ***company*** and trade union ***representatives***;

8. *Welcomes the consultations with stakeholders including* representatives of the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and Environment (***“ELY Centres”***) of Uusimaa, Pirkanmaa, Pohjois-Pohjanmaa, Varsinais-Suomi and the the Employment and Economic Development Office (***“TE Office”***) of Uusimaa as well as representatives ***of Anttila*** and of ***the*** trade unions (***PAM: Service Unions United***) that took place to draw up the co-ordinated package of personalised services;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marita Ulvskog

on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Stresses*** that the Finnish authorities have ***confirmed*** that the ***eligible*** actions ***do*** not receive ***assistance*** from other Union funds or financial instruments;

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9. ***Notes*** that the Finnish authorities have ***provided assurances*** that the ***proposed*** actions ***will*** not receive ***financial support*** from other Union funds or financial instruments, ***that any double financing will be prevented and that they will be complementary with actions funded by the Structural Funds***;

Or. en