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## REPORT

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following  
an application from Finland – EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair  
(COM(2021)0227 – C9-0162/2021 – 2021/0116(BUD))

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 following an application from Finland – EGF/2020/007 (COM(2021)0227 – C9-0162/2021 – 2021/0116(BUD))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2021)0227 – C9-0162/2021),
  - having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006<sup>1</sup> (“EGF Regulation”),
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 8 thereof,
  - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>3</sup>, (“IIA of 16 December 2020”), and in particular point 9 thereof,
  - having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0186/2021),
- 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 or of the global financial and economic crisis, and to assist their reintegration into the labour market; whereas this assistance is made through a financial support given to workers and the companies for which they worked;
- B. whereas Finland submitted application EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair for a financial contribution from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), following 508 redundancies<sup>4</sup> in the company Finnair Oyj and one subcontractor<sup>5</sup> in the NUTS level 2 region Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI1B) in Finland, within a reference period for the application from 25 August 2020 to 25 December 2020;
- C. whereas on 6 May 2021, the Commission adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the EGF in favour of to support the reintegration in the labour market of

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

<sup>4</sup> Within the meaning of Article 3 of the EGF Regulation.

<sup>5</sup> Hub Logistics Finland Oy located in the region of Helsinki-Uusimaa.

500 targeted beneficiaries, i.e. workers made redundant in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2, namely Division 51 (Air transport);

- D. whereas the application relates to 504 workers made redundant in the company Finnair Oyj and four by one subcontractor in Finland;
- E. whereas the application is based on the intervention criteria of Article 4(1), point (a), 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;
- F. whereas the Commission acknowledged that the COVID-19 health crisis generated an economic crisis and pushed for a Next Generation EU recovery plan that underlines the key role played by the EGF in assisting redundant workers;
- G. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic caused an immense shock to the aviation industry due to travel restrictions, leading to a drop in international air traffic by 98,9 % in April 2020 compared to April 2019<sup>6</sup>, and industry-wide revenue passenger kilometres shrank by 86,5 % in June 2020 compared to June 2019<sup>7</sup>;
- H. whereas international passenger demand fell by 75,6 % in 2020 compared to 2019 levels; whereas according to the global passenger forecast by the International Air Transport Association, it will take 3 to 4 years for the aviation industry to recover to its pre-crisis level;
- I. whereas this is one of the first mobilisations of the EGF due to the COVID-19 crisis, following the adoption by the European Parliament of its resolution of 18 June 2020 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2020/000 TA 2020 - Technical Assistance at the initiative of the Commission)<sup>8</sup>, stating that the EGF could be mobilised to support permanently dismissed workers and the self-employed in the context of the global crisis caused by COVID-19 without amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013;
- J. whereas before the pandemic started, Finnair had sound financial results, the number of passengers carried having increased by 10,3 % in 2019 and its revenue having grown by 9,2 % in 2019, reaching EUR 3 097 million, compared to EUR 2 836 million in 2018;
- K. whereas restrictions in place both in Finland and in other countries have heavily affected Finnair's operations, in particular regarding international and intercontinental flights; whereas air traffic is an important mode of transport connecting remote areas, such as Finland, to the rest of the world;
- L. whereas Helsinki Airport is a major air travel hub and Finnair a major carrier between Europe and Asia, and in January 2020 passenger volumes to China increased by 58 % compared to January 2019; whereas in February 2020 passenger volumes decreased

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<sup>6</sup> ATAG. 2020 Aviation Benefits Beyond Borders Report:

[https://aviationbenefits.org/media/167186/abbb2020\\_full.pdf](https://aviationbenefits.org/media/167186/abbb2020_full.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> IATA: Air Passenger Market Analysis June 2020: <https://www.iata.org/en/iata-repository/publications/economic-reports/air-passenger-monthly-analysis---june-2020/>

<sup>8</sup> Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2020)0141.

sharply by 73 % due to the epidemic situation;

- M. whereas the number of passengers carried by Finnair dropped by 76,2 % and its revenue fell by 73,2 % in 2020 compared to 2019, leading the company to accumulate an operating loss of EUR 464,5 million in 2020<sup>9</sup>; whereas in response Finnair had to reduce its costs in order to address this crisis and savings were made in real estate, aircraft leasing, IT (digitalisation and automation of its customer processes), sales and distribution costs, as well as administration costs and compensation structures; whereas this led to the reduction of the workforce by 700 jobs<sup>10</sup> and almost all of the workforce being furloughed for a part of the year, with furloughs continuing in 2021 for a large share of the workforce;
- N. whereas Finnair's long-term goal is to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, with a 50 % reduction in net emissions by the end of 2025 compared to the 2019 level<sup>11</sup>, and according to the company, Finnair has continued to progress with sustainability efforts also during the pandemic with investments into sustainable biofuels;
- O. whereas the aviation sector's contribution to the Finnish economy is significant, representing 3,2 % of the total GDP<sup>12</sup>, and the redundancies in the country's biggest airline, Finnair, have a serious impact on the Helsinki-Uusimaa region and the national economy;
- P. whereas 42 000 persons (23 000 direct and 19 000 indirect jobs) were employed in the aviation sector in Finland in 2020 and these redundancies will have a serious impact on the national economy; whereas the number of unemployed jobseekers in the Helsinki-Uusimaa region where the redundancies are concerned increased by 0,8 percentage points, from 6,4 % in 2019 to 7,2 % in 2020;
- Q. whereas due to rising unemployment resulting from the crisis, the re-employment of former Finnair workers may be challenging;
- R. whereas the Commission declared that the health crisis resulted in an economic crisis, set out a recovery plan for the economy, and underlined the role of the EGF as an emergency tool<sup>13</sup>;
1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 4(2) of the EGF Regulation are met and that Finland is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 1 752 360 under that Regulation, which represents 60 % of the total cost of EUR 2 920 600, comprising expenditure for personalised services of EUR 2 730 600 and expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities of EUR 190 000;
  2. Notes that the Finnish authorities submitted the application on 30 December 2020, and that the Commission finalised its assessment on 6 May 2021 and notified it to Parliament on the same day; regrets that the assessment of the Commission took so long

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<sup>9</sup> <https://company.finnair.com/en/media/all-releases/news?id=3801600>

<sup>10</sup> [News | Finnair](#)

<sup>11</sup> [News | Finnair](#)

<sup>12</sup> Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), Aviation Benefits Beyond Borders: <https://aviationbenefits.org/downloads/aviation-benefits-beyond-borders-2020/>

<sup>13</sup> COM(2020)0442.

in current circumstances;

3. Notes that all the procedural requirements were met;
4. Notes that the application relates in total to 508 workers made redundant in company Finnair Oyj and one subcontractor; further notes that Finland expects that 500 out of the total eligible beneficiaries will participate in the measures (targeted beneficiaries);
5. Recalls that the social impacts of the redundancies are expected to be considerable for workers in the Helsinki-Uusimaa region, where Finnair has its operating hub, and where the number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 22,5 % between February and April 2020, and by 0.8 percentage points between 2019 and 2020<sup>14</sup>, leading to difficult prospects in terms of re-employment of the dismissed workers; notes positively therefore that the dismissed workers could benefit from customised job-search guidance and support, along with tailored upskilling and reskilling to increase their chances of re-employment;
6. Underlines the need for all employees, without discrimination and independently of their nationality, to be integrated and supported by the measures included in this EGF project;
7. Points out that 44 % of eligible persons are women with most affected age group between 30 and 54 years old; notes that the second largest age group is 55-64 years (28,20 %), which may face additional challenges in re-integrating into the labour market;
8. Notes that Finland started providing personalised services to the targeted beneficiaries on 21 October 2020 and that the period of eligibility for a financial contribution from the EGF will therefore be from 21 October 2020 to 30 December 2022;
9. Recalls that personalised services to be provided to the workers and self-employed persons consist of the following actions: coaching and other preparatory measures, employment and business services, training, pay subsidy, start-up grant and allowances for travel, accommodation and removal; welcomes the provision of vocational qualification trainings to the beneficiaries, including courses such as artificial intelligence (A.I.), digital security and robotics; further welcomes the use of pay subsidy by Finland to reduce the payroll costs of the beneficiaries as well as start-up grants to promote the creation of business activity but reminds that this support should be conditional on the active participation of these beneficiaries in job-search or training activities;
10. Notes that Finland started incurring administrative expenditure to implement the EGF on 21 October 2020 and that expenditure on preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities will therefore be eligible for a financial contribution from the EGF from 21 October 2020 to 30 June 2023;
11. Welcomes that the co-ordinated package of personalised services was drawn up by Finland in consultation with a working group; highlights that the preparation activities included meetings with the representatives of Centres for Economic Development,

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<sup>14</sup> Finland's statistical database <https://pxnet2.stat.fi/PXWeb/pxweb/en/StatFin/>

Transport and Environment and Employment and Economic Development Offices of Uusimaa, Finnair and Trade Unions namely Ilmailualan Unioni (IAU), Finnairin insinöörit ja ylemmät toimihenkilöt (FINTO), Auto ja Kuljetusalan Työntekijäliitto ry (AKT) and Trade Union Pro;

12. Stresses that the Finnish authorities have confirmed that the eligible actions do not receive assistance from other Union funds or financial instruments;
13. Reiterates that assistance from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies, by virtue of national law or collective agreements;
14. Strongly supports that the EGF continues to show solidarity in the 2021-2027 period while shifting the focus from the cause of restructuring to its impact; welcomes that under the new rules, decarbonisation will also be a reason for applicants to be eligible for support;
15. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
16. 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*;
17. 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 following an application from Finland – EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair**

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 (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006<sup>15</sup>, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>16</sup>, and in particular point 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (2018 prices), as laid down in Article 8(1) of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093<sup>17</sup>.
- (3) On 30 December 2020, Finland submitted an application to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in Finnair Oyj and one subcontractor in Finland. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. That application complies with the requirements for determining a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 1 752 360 in respect of the application submitted by Finland.
- (5) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

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<sup>15</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>16</sup> OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 29.

<sup>17</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027 (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 11).



HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2021, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 1 752 360 in commitment and payment appropriations.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from [*the date of its adoption*]\*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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\* Date to be inserted by the Parliament before the publication in OJ.

## 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 8(1) of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027<sup>18</sup> and of Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013<sup>19</sup>, the Fund may not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (2018 prices).

As concerns the procedure, according to point 9 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>20</sup>, 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.

### II. Finland's application and the Commission's proposal

On 30 December 2020, Finland submitted an application EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair for a financial contribution from the EGF, following 508 redundancies<sup>21</sup> in the company Finnair Oyj and one subcontractor<sup>22</sup>, located in the NUTS level 2 region of Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI1B).

Following its assessment of this application, the Commission has concluded, in accordance with all applicable provisions of the EGF Regulation, that the conditions for awarding a financial contribution from the EGF are met.

On 6 May 2021, the Commission adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the EGF in favour of to support the reintegration in the labour market of 500 targeted beneficiaries, i.e. workers made redundant in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2, namely Division 51 (Air transport).

The Commission deemed the application admissible under the intervention criteria of Article 4(1)(a) 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/or self-employed persons whose activity has ceased.

This is the sixth application of 2020 and the fifth to be examined under the 2021 budget, including the new MFF (to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027<sup>23</sup> and the IIA

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<sup>18</sup>OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 15.

<sup>19</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

<sup>20</sup> OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

<sup>21</sup> Within the meaning of Article 3 of the EGF Regulation.

<sup>22</sup> Hub Logistics Finland Oy located in the region of Helsinki-Uusimaa.

<sup>23</sup> OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

of 16 December 2020. The Budget 2021 has reserve budget lines for EGF payments (prior 2021) which will be used for payments mobilised under the EGF regulation 2014-2020. The successor EGF regulation for 2021-2027 (2018/0202(COD)) has been adopted by the European Parliament plenary on 28 April 2021, but will have no impact on this procedure nor any upcoming procedures for mobilisations under the old 2014-2020 programme.

The number of 508 total redundant workers has been calculated by adding 504 of the redundancies which took place in the company Finnair Oyj to four redundancies which took place in its subcontractor. Finland confirmed that these 504 redundancies have actually been effected.

The application concerns a targeted 500 workers made redundant and refers to the mobilisation of a total amount of EUR 1 752 360 from the EGF for Finland representing 60 % of the total costs of the proposed actions.

In order to establish the link between the redundancies and major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, Finland bases the application on the declaration of the Commission that the global health crisis has resulted in a global economic crisis, which has been addressed by the Commission's recovery plan and which expressively mentions the EGF as one of its tools<sup>24</sup>.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the aviation industry due to travel restrictions and a dramatic decline in passenger air transport. In April 2020, international passenger traffic dropped by 98,9 % compared to April 2019 and 64 % of global aircraft was put into storage, representing the largest contraction in aviation history<sup>25</sup>. Before the COVID-19 outbreak, Finnair had a strong financial position. In 2019, Finnair's revenue grew by 9,2 %, reaching a record high of EUR 3 097 million, compared to EUR 2 836 million in 2018. The Finnair Annual Report 2020 showed a sharp drop in revenue by 73,2 % (from 3 097,7 million to EUR 829,2 million), the number of passengers decreased by 76,2 % (from 14,7 million to 3,5 million) and the company had accumulated an operating loss of EUR 464,5 million<sup>26</sup>.

Finnair had to reduce its costs in order to address this crisis and savings were made in real estate, aircraft leasing, IT (digitalisation and automation of its customer processes), sales and distribution costs, as well as administration costs and compensation structures. This led to the workforce being reduced by 700 jobs<sup>27</sup>.

The six types of actions to be provided to redundant workers, for which EGF co-funding is requested consist of:

- a. Coaching and other preparatory measures: these include 1) Expert assessments of jobseeker's professional competences and the needs for the services; 2) Competency assessment to map participants according to their competences and job perspectives; 3) Job-seeking training and information about the labour

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<sup>24</sup> COM(2020) 442 final.

<sup>25</sup> ATAG. 2020 Aviation Benefits Beyond Borders Report:

[https://aviationbenefits.org/media/167186/abbb2020\\_full.pdf](https://aviationbenefits.org/media/167186/abbb2020_full.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> <https://investors.finnair.com/~media/Files/F/Finnair-IR/documents/en/reports-and-presentation/2021/annual-report-2020.pdf>

<sup>27</sup> <https://company.finnair.com/en/media/all-releases/news?id=3801600>

- market; 4) Career and individual intensive coaching to support and guide participants in seeking employment.
- b. Employment and business services: this measure will provide vocational and job-seeking guidance, counselling, work ability evaluations and try-outs. Recruitment and information events will also be organised.
  - c. Training: this will provide a tailored program “Further Educated with Companies (F.E.C.)” developed by the Finnish authorities that aims at bringing together job candidates and companies looking to recruit. The participants will also receive the vocational qualification trainings, including courses such as business development, executive training, human resource, sales and marketing, artificial intelligence (A.I.), digital security, robotics, financial management, project management, etc.
  - d. Pay subsidy: this measure will support employment in a new job, by reducing the payroll costs. The pay subsidy will be 30-50 % of the payroll costs and paid to the employer. The amount and length of the subsidy depends on the length of the unemployment period.
  - e. Start-up grant: the purpose of the grant is to promote the creation of business activity and employment of individual persons. The start-up grant ensures an income for an aspiring entrepreneur during the estimated time required to launch and establish a full-time business, up to a maximum of 12 months.
  - f. Allowances for travel, accommodation and removal may be granted to cover related expenditure incurred during job-seeking or training.

Given that the region concerned by the redundancies (Helsinki-Uusimaa) has seen an increase in unemployment by 22,5 % between February and April 2020, going from 6,4 % in 2019 to 7,2 % in 2020<sup>28</sup>, the re-employment of former Finnair workers will be difficult. Customised job-search guidance and support, along with tailored upskilling and reskilling will increase their chances of re-employment.

According to the Commission, the described measures constitute active labour market measures within the eligible actions set out in Article 7 of the EGF Regulation and do not substitute passive social protection measures.

Finland provided the required information on actions that are mandatory for the enterprises concerned by virtue of national law or pursuant to collective agreements. They confirmed that a financial contribution from the EGF will not replace such actions.

## **Procedure**

In order to mobilise the Fund, the Commission has submitted to the Budgetary Authority a request to transfer a global amount of EUR 1 752 360 from the EGF reserve (30 04 02) to the EGF (prior 2021) budget line (16 02 99 01). The trilogue procedure shall be initiated in the event of disagreement, as provided for in Article 15(4) of the EGF Regulation.

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

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<sup>28</sup> Finland's statistical database <https://pxnet2.stat.fi/PXWeb/pxweb/en/StatFin/>

## LETTER OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Mr Johan Van Overtveldt  
Chair  
Committee on Budgets  
BRUSSELS

Subject: Opinion on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund -  
EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair - Finland (2021/0116(BUD))

Dear Mr Chair,

Under the procedure referred to above, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs has been asked to submit an opinion to your committee. At its meeting of 18 May 2021, the committee decided to send the opinion in the form of a letter.

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs considered the matter at its meeting of 27 May 2021. At that meeting, it decided to call on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová

## SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. Whereas on 30 December 2020, Finland submitted an application EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair for a financial contribution from the EGF, following 508 redundancies in the company Finnair Oyj and one subcontractor, located in the NUTS level 2 region of Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI1B);
- B. Whereas the Commission deemed the application admissible under the intervention criteria of Article 4(1)(a) 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/or self-employed persons whose activity has ceased;
- C. Whereas on 6 May 2021, the Commission adopted a proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the EGF in favour of to support the reintegration in the labour market of 500 targeted beneficiaries, i.e. workers made redundant in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2, namely Division 51 (Air transport);
- D. Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic caused an immense shock to the aviation industry due to travel restrictions with international passenger demand falling by 75,6 % in 2020 compared to 2019 levels. Whereas according to the global passenger forecast by the International Air Transport Association, it will take 3 to 4 years for the aviation industry to recover to its pre-crisis level;
- E. Whereas the Commission declared that the health crisis resulted in an economic crisis, set out a recovery plan for the economy, and underlined the role of the EGF as an emergency tool;
- F. Whereas in 2020 the number of Finnair passengers decreased by 76,2 % (from 14,7 million to 3,5 million) and the company accumulated an operating loss of EUR 464,5 million. Whereas in response Finnair had to reduce its costs in order to address this crisis and savings were made in real estate, aircraft leasing, IT (digitalisation and automation of its customer processes), sales and distribution costs, as well as administration costs and compensation structures, and this led to the workforce being reduced by 1000 jobs;
- G. Whereas the aviation sector's contribution to the Finnish economy is significant with 42 000 persons (23 000 direct and 19 000 indirect jobs) employed in 2020 and contributing 3,2 % to total GDP and these redundancies will have a serious impact on the national economy. Whereas the number of unemployed jobseekers in the Helsinki-Uusimaa region where the redundancies are concerned increased by 0,8 percentage points, from 6,4 % in 2019 to 7,2 % in 2020.

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:

- 1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 4(2) of the EGF

Regulation are met and that Finland is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 1 752 360 under that Regulation, which represents 60 % of the total cost of EUR 2 920 600, comprising expenditure for personalised services of EUR 2 730 600 and expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities of EUR 190 000;

2. Notes that all the procedural requirements were met;
3. Stresses that the Finnish authorities have confirmed that the eligible actions do not receive assistance from other Union funds or financial instruments;
4. Welcomes the six types of actions to be provided to redundant workers foreseen under the package of personalised services (coaching and other preparatory measures; Employment and business services; training; pay subsidy; start-up grant; allowances for travel, accommodation and removal to cover related expenditure incurred during job-seeking or training), for which EGF co-funding is requested;
5. Recalls that assistance from the EGF and other Union funds must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies, by virtue of national law or collective agreements;
6. Strongly supports that in 2021-2027 the EGF will continue to show solidarity while shifting the focus from the cause of restructuring to its impact; welcomes that under the new rules, decarbonisation will also be a reason for applicators to be eligible for support.

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

<b>Date adopted</b>	31.5.2021
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 39 -: 2 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Rasmus Andresen, Robert Biedroń, Anna Bonfrisco, Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, David Cormand, Paolo De Castro, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vlad Gheorghe, Valentino Grant, Elisabetta Gualmini, Francisco Guerreiro, Valérie Hayer, Eero Heinäluoma, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Moritz Körner, Joachim Kuhs, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Ioannis Lagos, Hélène Laporte, Pierre Larroustou, Janusz Lewandowski, Silvia Modig, Siegfried Mureşan, Victor Negrescu, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Karlo Ressler, Bogdan Rzońca, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds, Nils Ušakovs, Johan Van Overtveldt, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Mario Furore, Jens Geier, Henrike Hahn



## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ECR	Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Bogdan Rzońca, Johan Van Overtveldt
ID	Anna Bonfrisco, Valentino Grant, Hélène Laporte
NI	Mario Furore
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Janusz Lewandowski, Siegfried Mureşan, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Karlo Ressler, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Vlad Gheorghe, Valérie Hayer, Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds
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