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(COM(2023)0470 – C9-0369/2023 – 2023/0352(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 (application from Belgium – EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro)
(COM(2023)0470 – C9-0369/2023 – 2023/0352(BUD))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2023)0470 – C9-0369/2023),
 - having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/691¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 (“EGF Regulation”),
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027², and in particular Article 8 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 resources³ (“IIA of 16 December 2020”), and in particular point 9 thereof,
 - having regard to the letter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0351/2023),
- 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 Belgium submitted application EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro for a financial contribution from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), following 1 431 redundancies⁴ in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2 division 47 (Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles) in the provinces Antwerp, East Flanders, Flemish Brabant, Hainaut and Liège within a reference period for the application from 10 January 2023 to 10 May 2023;
- C. whereas the application relates to 1 431 workers made redundant in the company Makro

¹ OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48.

² OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

³ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁴ Within the meaning of Article 3 of the EGF Regulation.

Cash & Carry Belgium NV (Makro NV);

- D. whereas the application is based on the intervention criteria of criteria of Article 4(2), point (a), of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 200 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;
- E. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine have reduced economic competitiveness and have a negative impact on economic growth in Belgium;
- F. whereas Makro NV used to run eleven stores for food and non-food products open to food and beverage services professionals ("Metro" brand) and six such stores open to general customers ("Makro" brand); whereas following years of financial difficulties and declining sales Makro NV applied for judicial reorganisation in 2022; whereas the redundancies resulted from the absence of any sound offer for taking over the Makro brand and its subsequent bankruptcy;
- G. whereas the requirements of the Belgian law on the active management of restructuring that foresee outplacement services to redundant workers do not apply in the event of bankruptcy;
- H. whereas financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market policy measures and personalised services that aim to reintegrate beneficiaries rapidly into decent and sustainable employment within or outside their initial sector of activity, while preparing them for a greener and more digital European economy;
- I. whereas the EGF shall not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (in 2018 prices), as laid down in Article 8 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093;
 - 1. Agrees with the Commission that the conditions set out in Article 4(2), point (a), of the EGF Regulation are met and that Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 2 828 223 under that Regulation, which represents 85 % of the total cost of EUR 3 327 322, comprising expenditure for personalised services of EUR 3 233 822 and expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities of EUR 93 500;
 - 2. Notes that the Belgian authorities submitted the application on 3 July 2023, and that, following the provision of additional information by Belgium, the Commission finalised its assessment on 12 October 2023 and notified it to Parliament on the same day;
 - 3. Notes that the application relates to 1 431 workers made redundant in the company Makro Cash & Carry Belgium NV; notes further that 421 workers will be targeted beneficiaries in total, corresponding to the number of former Makro workers in Wallonia while the Flemish regional authorities consider that there is no need to top-up the support available to former Makro workers in Flanders with co-financing from the EGF, given the situation on its regional labour market;
 - 4. Takes note that the displacements in Makro are particularly impacting workers that are

over 50 years old and/or low skilled; points to the fact that the unemployment rate in Wallonia stand at 8,8 % and over half (55,1 %) of the people in this region who were unemployed in the first quarter of 2022 are still unemployed one year later; highlights that 65 % of Makro former workers are older than 50 years and the majority of Makro workforce was essentially made up of cashiers and warehouse workers; stresses that for these workers it is especially difficult to re-integrate into employment;

5. Welcomes the fact that the co-ordinated package of personalised services was drawn up by Belgium in consultation with targeted beneficiaries, their representatives and social partners, in compliance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/691;
6. Recalls that personalised services to be provided to the workers and self-employed persons consist of the following actions: information services, occupational guidance and outplacement assistance, training, retraining and vocational training, support towards and contribution to business creation, as well as incentives and allowances; welcomes that particular attention will be paid to vulnerable people in a situation of psychological distress, indebtedness, or disability through professionals specialised in assisting these groups;
7. Welcomes the inclusion of a module on circular economy and efficient use of resources that was developed for former Swissport workers (EGF/2020/005 BE), as part of the Regional Public Employment and Vocational Training Service (Forem) standard training offer, which will be co-financed by the ESF+; reiterates in this context the important role the Union should play in providing the necessary qualifications for the just transformation in line with the European Green Deal; strongly supports the fact that, during the 2021-2027 MFF period, the EGF will continue to show solidarity with persons affected, while shifting the focus from the cause of restructuring to its impact and calls for future applications to maximise policy coherence;
8. Notes that Belgium started providing personalised services to the targeted beneficiaries on 1 February 2023 and that the period of eligibility for a financial contribution from the EGF will therefore be from 1 February 2023 until 24 months after the date of the entry into force of the financing decision;
9. Notes that Belgium started incurring administrative expenditure to implement the EGF on 1 January 2023 and that expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities shall therefore be eligible for a financial contribution from the EGF from 10 January 2023 until 31 months after the date of the entry into force of the Financing Decision;
10. Stresses that the Belgian authorities have confirmed that the eligible actions do not receive assistance from other Union funds or financial instruments, and that the principles of equality of treatment and non-discrimination will be respected in the access to the proposed actions and their implementation;
11. Reiterates that assistance from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies, by virtue of national law or collective agreements, or any allowances or rights of the displaced workers, to ensure full additionality of the allocation;
12. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

13. 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*;
14. 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 Belgium – EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro

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) 2021/691 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013⁵, and in particular Article 15(1), first subparagraph, 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 resources⁶, and in particular point 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) aims to demonstrate solidarity and promote decent and sustainable employment in the Union by providing support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased in the case of major restructuring events and assisting them in returning to decent and sustainable employment as soon as possible.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (in 2018 prices), as laid down in Article 8 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093⁷.
- (3) On 3 July 2023, Belgium submitted an application to mobilise the EGF in accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/691, in respect of worker's displacements in Makro Cash & Carry Belgium NV in Belgium. It was supplemented by additional information provided in accordance with Article 8(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/691. That application is considered to comply with the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the EGF as laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2021/691, on the basis of the assessment made by the Commission in the Proposal for a mobilisation decision of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 2 828 223 in respect of the application submitted by Belgium.
- (5) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

⁵ OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48.

⁶ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 29

⁷ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11).

⁸ COM(2023) 470.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2023, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 2 828 223 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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I. Background

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was created to provide additional assistance to workers suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns. According to Article 8(1) of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021-2027¹ and of Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/691², the Fund may not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (in 2018 prices).

In accordance with point 9 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020³, the Commission is required, following the positive assessment of an application, to submit a proposal to mobilise the Fund to the budgetary authority and to complement it with a corresponding request for transfer to the relevant budget lines.

II. Belgium's application and the Commission's proposal

On 3 July 2023, Belgium submitted an application EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro for a financial contribution from the EGF, following 1 431 redundancies⁴ at the company Makro Cash & Carry Belgium NV (Makro NV) resulting from the bankruptcy of the Makro brand. This is the second application of 2023 and the fourth to be examined under the 2023 budget.

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 12 October 2023, 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 421 targeted beneficiaries, i.e. workers made redundant by Makro NV. In total, EUR 2 828 223 will be mobilised from the EGF for Belgium, representing 85 % of the total costs of the proposed actions.

The Commission deemed the Belgian application admissible under the intervention criteria of Article 4(2)(a) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 200 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.

EGF co-funding has been requested for the following five types of actions, to be provided to redundant workers:

- a) Information, occupational guidance and outplacement assistance. Individual guidance and job-search services along with support by social workers. Particular attention will be paid to vulnerable people in a situation of psychological distress,

¹OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 15.

² OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48.

³ Interinstitutional agreement 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, OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁴ Within the meaning of Article 3 of the EGF Regulation.

indebtedness, or recognised disability through professionals specialised in assisting these groups.

- b) Training, retraining and vocational training. Besides standard training provided by Forem and its partners, after the profiling and agreement of individual projects with the vocational counsellor, specific training will be offered to cater for the identified needs.
- c) Support for business creation. To help workers wishing to launch their own business, offers include a diagnosis and guidance phase, awareness-raising actions on entrepreneurship, information sessions on the potential for business creation through territorial economic diagnoses, and networking with relevant entrepreneurs and with certified coaches in business creation.
- d) Contribution to business creation. Workers who start a business or an activity as self-employed persons will receive a contribution up to EUR 15 000.
- e) Incentives and allowances. (1) Job-search and training allowances. Workers will receive EUR 2 per hour of effective participation in training or job-search activities. (2) Bonus for improving IT skills. A lump sum of EUR 400 will be provided to workers actively participating in and completing the module for access to digital autonomy, which aims to improve their IT skills. (3) Bonus for improving language skills. With a view to encouraging development of cross-disciplinary language skills to facilitate job re-integration, a lump sum of EUR 500 will be granted to workers who follow an intensive language training module organized by Forem or a language immersion course in an enterprise to improve their Dutch, English or German language skills as part of a specific job search. (4) Return-to-school allowance. A monthly allowance of EUR 350 will be granted to workers who embark on secondary or tertiary studies full-time for at least one year, or qualifying training of at least 3 months to acquire the necessary skills for jobs that are in demand and for which it is difficult to find applicants. (5) Allowance towards business creation. Workers will receive a monthly contribution of EUR 350, for a maximum of 12 months, while setting up their own business.

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.

Belgium 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 2 828 223 from the EGF reserve (budget line 30 04 02; commitment appropriations) to the EGF (budget line 16 02 02; commitment appropriations).

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

**ANNEX: LIST OF ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

The following list is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur. The rapporteur has received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the report, until the adoption thereof in committee:

Entity and/or person
The rapporteur declares that he did not receive input from any entity or person

25.10.2023

LETTER OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Mr Johan Van Overtveldt
Chair
Committee on Budgets
BRUSSELS

Subject: Opinion on proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Belgium – EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro (2023/0352(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 and 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 25 October 2023 and 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,

Dragoş Pişlaru

SUGGESTIONS

- A. Whereas, on 3 July 2023, Belgium submitted application EGF/2023/002 BE/Makro for a financial contribution from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF);
- B. Whereas the application relates to 1 431 displaced workers whose activity has ceased in Makro Cash & Carry Belgium NV (Makro NV) in Belgium;
- C. Whereas the Commission deemed this Belgian application admissible under the intervention criteria of Article 4(2)(a) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 200 workers being made redundant over a reference period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State;
- D. Whereas on 12 October 2023, 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 421 targeted beneficiaries;
- E. Whereas the event giving rise to these displacements is the bankruptcy of Makro NV; whereas, starting its business activity in the 1970s, eventually Makro NV run eleven stores for food and non-food products open to food and beverage services professionals (branded as Metro) and six such stores open (starting from 2017) to general customers (branded as Makro); whereas Makro NV was particularly hard hit during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the hospitality sector stopped activity for several months, affecting Makro NV's sales line for food and beverage services professionals as well as for general customers; whereas following years of financial difficulties and declining sales Makro NV applied for judicial reorganisation in 2022; whereas the redundancies resulted from the absence of any acceptable offer for taking over the Makro stores and its subsequent bankruptcy;
- F. Whereas unemployment rate rose from 8,5% to 8,8% in Wallonia and declined from 3,3% to 3,1% in Flanders, in Q1 2023, compared with Q4 2022, whilst year over year variation shows an increase in both regions (by 0,4 percentage points in Wallonia and by 0,3 percentage points in Flanders); whereas Makro stores for general customers were in Flanders (four stores) and in Wallonia (two stores); whereas the territories affected by the redundancies are the Flemish provinces of Antwerpen, Oost-Vlaanderen and Vlaams-Brabant and the Walloon provinces of Hainaut and Liège; whereas due to the differences between the Flemish and the Walloon labour markets, the territorial impact of the redundancies varies;
- G. Whereas the long-term unemployment rate is slightly above the national average in Wallonia (55,1%); whereas older workers face more obstacles to employment with registered job seekers aged fifty and over in the Walloon labour market, representing about 25% of the total job seekers in March 2023¹; whereas 65% of Makro redundant workers are over 50 years old;
- H. Whereas Belgium applied for EGF co-financing only in support of former Makro NV workers in Wallonia; whereas the Flemish regional authorities consider that there is no

¹ Le Forem, « Emploi du temps. Photo locale de la demande d'emploi ». Mars 2023.

need to top-up the support available to former Makro NV workers in Flanders with co-financing from the EGF, given the good situation on its regional labour market;

- I. Whereas the requirements of the Belgian law on the active management of restructuring that foresee the setting up of an employment unit (*cellule pour l'emploi*), whose purpose is to provide workers laid off in the context of collective redundancies with 30 hours of outplacement services in a period of three months (60 hours in six months for workers aged 45+) does not apply in the event of bankruptcy;
- J. Whereas Belgium has indicated, that the co-ordinated package of personalised services has been drawn up in consultation with targeted beneficiaries, their representatives, and the social partners, in compliance with Article 7(4) of the Regulation (EU) 2021/691;
- K. Whereas the EGF shall not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 186 million (in 2018 prices), as laid down in Article 8 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027;

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. Recalls that the objective of the EGF is to demonstrate solidarity with, and provide support to beneficiaries; considers that financial contributions from the EGF should be primarily directed at active labour market policy measures and personalised services that aim to reintegrate beneficiaries rapidly into decent and sustainable employment within or outside their initial sector of activity; stresses the importance of preparing workers for the urgently needed green and digital transitions of the European economy and society; reiterates in this context the important role the Union plays, including through the EGF, in contributing to the financing of necessary qualifications for the just transition in line with the European Green Deal;
- 2. Welcomes the fact that while aiming to prepare a sound package of tailored measures to support Makro workers' efforts to return to work, the Regional Public Employment and Vocational Training Service (Forem), trade unions (FGTB² and CSC³), and other partners met several times to better understand workers' retraining needs; notes that the social counsellors who accompanied the workers after their dismissal were also consulted and these meetings resulted in a coordinated package of EGF measures that complies with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/691;
- 3. Notes that according to the Commission the conditions set out in Article 4(2)(a) of the EGF Regulation are met and that Belgium is entitled to a financial contribution of EUR 2 828 223 (85 % of total costs) under that Regulation, comprising expenditure for personalised services of EUR 3 233 822 and expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities of EUR 93 500;
- 4. Notes that the application relates to 1 431 workers made redundant in the company Makro NV; notes further that 421 workers will be targeted beneficiaries in total,

² Fédération générale du travail de Belgique.

³ Confédération des syndicats chrétiens.

corresponding to the number of former Makro NV workers in Wallonia; stresses that 54.4% of the targeted beneficiaries are aged between 30-54 years, 45,1% - over the age of 54 years, that 91,2% have upper secondary or post-secondary education or lower and that 55,1 % of them are women; further stresses the specific needs of these groups should be taken into account when providing personalised services;

5. Stresses that Belgium has confirmed that the measures described below receiving a financial contribution from the EGF will not also receive financial contributions from other Union financial instruments;
6. Recalls that personalised services to be provided to the workers consist of the following measures: (a) information services, occupational guidance and outplacement assistance, (b) training, retraining and vocational training, (c) support towards business creation, (d) contribution to business creation, and (e) incentives and allowances (the following incentives and allowances are foreseen: (1) Job-search and training allowances; (2) Bonus for improving IT skills; (3) Bonus for improving languages skills; (4) Return-to-school allowance; (5) Allowance towards business creation);
7. Strongly welcomes the fact that workers will be offered individual guidance and job-search services along with support by social workers, throughout the implementation period, while particular attention will be paid to vulnerable people in a situation of psychological distress, indebtedness, or recognised disability through professionals specialised in assisting these groups;
8. Stresses in particular the importance of Article 7.2 of the EGF Regulation, which requires the coordinated package to anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills, which are compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy and with a particular focus on the dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age; therefore, welcomes in particular, that foreseen measures for training include training to gain digital autonomy along with the bonus for improving IT skills; highlights, that the foreseen training also includes a module on circular economy and efficient use of resources which was previously developed for former Swissport workers (EGF/2020/005 BE/Swissport), and is now part of Forem's standard training offer co-financed by ESF+; therefore, it is not budgeted in this proposal; welcomes the use of synergy effects and the responsible use of EGF resources in this context;
9. Recalls the possibility for special time-limited measures within the coordinated package including, *inter alia*, to pay childcare allowances, as provided in Article 7.2 b of the EGF regulation to facilitate job seekers' participation in the activities proposed.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Date adopted	7.11.2023
Result of final vote	+: 26 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Olivier Chastel, Andor Deli, José Manuel Fernandes, Alexandra Geese, Vlad Gheorghe, Valérie Hayer, Eero Heinäluoma, Hervé Juvin, Moritz Körner, Pierre Larrousurou, Janusz Lewandowski, Margarida Marques, Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos, Andrey Novakov, Bogdan Rzońca, Eleni Stavrou, Nils Torvalds, Nils Ušakovs, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
Substitutes present for the final vote	Jan Olbrycht, Mauri Pekkarinen
Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote	Lena Düpont, Mónica Silvana González, Catherine Griset, Predrag Fred Matić

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ECR	Bogdan Rzońca
ID	Catherine Griset
NI	Andor Deli, Hervé Juvin, Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos
PPE	Lena Düpont, José Manuel Fernandes, Janusz Lewandowski, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Eleni Stavrou, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
Renew	Olivier Chastel, Vlad Gheorghe, Valérie Hayer, Moritz Körner, Mauri Pekkarinen, Nils Torvalds
S&D	Mónica Silvana González, Eero Heinäluoma, Pierre Larroustou, Margarida Marques, Predrag Fred Matić, Nils Ušakovs
Verts/ALE	Alexandra Geese

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention