

**Question for written answer E-010493/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Croatian shipyards and the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

Croatia has privatised its shipyards in order to carry out restructuring and to reduce state subsidies in line with the provisions of Croatia's EU Accession Treaty and in accordance with EU rules on market competition.

Croatian shipyard workers who have been made redundant may receive assistance from the EGF.

The fund is intended to enable Member States to provide more effective assistance to those who have lost their jobs as a result of changes in global trade patterns.

1. Besides the EGF, what other measures would the Commission recommend to assist Croatian shipyard workers who have been made redundant?
2. Was the enlargement of the EU to include Croatia taken into consideration when the proposed 2014-2020 EGF budget – in which the amount of funds made available annually is reduced from EUR 500 million to a maximum of EUR 429 million – was being drafted?