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Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2006)0091 – C6-0082/2006 – 2006/0033(COD))

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny and Philip Bushill-Matthews

Compromise amendment 1
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 2, 41, 42)
Recital 1

(1) Notwithstanding the **overall** positive **effect** of globalisation on growth and jobs in the Community, it is opportune to establish a European Globalisation adjustment Fund (hereinafter referred to as ‘the EGF’), through which the Community would show its solidarity towards workers affected by redundancies resulting from changes in world trade patterns;

(1) Notwithstanding the positive **effects** of globalisation on growth and jobs in the Community, it **can also have negative consequences for the most vulnerable and least qualified workers in some sectors. It is therefore** opportune to establish a European Globalisation adjustment Fund (hereinafter referred to as ‘the EGF’), through which the Community, **which has to conduct negotiations in the WTO**, would show its solidarity towards workers affected by redundancies resulting from changes in world trade patterns;

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Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Ana Mato Adrover and Gerardo Galeote

Compromise amendment 2

(Compromise amendment replacing and amending Amendment 51, 53, 61, 136)

Recital 3

(3) Actions under this Regulation should be defined according to strict intervention criteria relating to the scale of economic dislocation and its impact on a given sector or geographical area, to ensure that the financial contribution from the EGF is concentrated on the most seriously affected *parts* of the Community.

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Or. fr

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Emine Bozkurt, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Jean Louis Cottigny

Compromise amendment 3

(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 75, 71, 81, 74, 69)

Article 1, paragraph 1

1. This Regulation establishes a European Globalisation adjustment Fund, hereinafter referred to as ‘the EGF’, to enable the Community to provide support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns where these redundancies have a significant adverse impact on the regional or local economy.

1. *With the aim of stimulating economic growth and creating more jobs in the European Union*, this Regulation establishes a European Globalisation adjustment Fund, hereinafter referred to as ‘the EGF’, to enable the Community to provide support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns *due to globalisation* where these redundancies have a significant adverse impact on the *trans-national, national*, regional or local economy.

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Maria Matsouka, Jean Louis Cottigny, Elisabeth Schroedter, Ana Mato Adrover, Gerardo Galeote, Ole Christensen, Lasse Lehtinen and Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Compromise amendment 4

(Compromise amendment replacing and amending Amendment 7, 8, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92)

Article 2

A financial contribution from the EGF shall be provided where major structural changes in world trade patterns lead to a serious economic disruption, notably a **massive** increase of imports into the EU, or a **progressive** decline of the EU market share in a given sector or a delocalisation to third countries, which results in:

(a) at least 1000 redundancies in an enterprise, including workers made redundant in its suppliers or downstream producers, ***in a region where unemployment, measured at NUTS III level, is higher than the EU or national average,***

or

(b) at least 1000 redundancies, over a period of ***6 months***, in one or more enterprises ***in a sector, measured at NACE 2 level, which represents at least 1% of regional employment measured at NUTS II level.***

A financial contribution from the EGF shall be provided where major structural changes in world trade patterns lead to a serious economic disruption, notably a **substantial** increase of imports into the EU, or a **sharp and rapid** decline of the EU market share in a given sector or a delocalisation to third countries, which results in:

(a) at least 1000 redundancies in an enterprise, including workers made redundant in its suppliers or downstream producers,

or

(b) at least 1000 redundancies, over a period of ***12 months***, in one or more enterprises, ***particularly small or medium-sized enterprises, in a NACE 2 sector in a region at NUTS II level;***

(ba) in small labour markets or in exceptional circumstances, duly substantiated by the Member State(s) concerned, an application for a contribution from the EGF may be considered admissible even if the conditions laid down in paragraphs (a) or (b) are not entirely met, when redundancies, not less than 500, have a serious impact on employment and the local economy. The aggregated amount of contributions for exceptional circumstances may not exceed 20% of the

EGF in any given year.

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin and Jean Louis Cottigny

Compromise amendment 5
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 11, 108)
Article 3, paragraph 1, introductory wording

1. A financial contribution under this Regulation shall be made for **actions, as** part of a coordinated package of personalised services designed to re-integrate redundant workers into the labour market, including:

1. A **European Solidarity** financial contribution under this Regulation shall be made for **active labour market measures that may form** part of a coordinated package of personalised services designed to re-integrate redundant workers into the labour market, including **in particular**:

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Elisabeth Schroedter, Jamila Madeira and Jean Marie Beaupuy

Compromise amendment 6
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 111, 113, 110, 121, 112)
Article 3, paragraph 1, point (a)

(a) **active labour market measures, such as** job-search assistance, occupational guidance, tailor-made training and re-training including ICT skills, outplacement assistance and entrepreneurship promotion or aid for self-employment;

(a) job-search assistance, occupational guidance, tailor-made training and re-training including ICT skills **and certification of acquired experience**, outplacement assistance and entrepreneurship promotion or aid for self-employment, **for setting up cooperative projects, or for resuming business, and micro-credits**;

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Elisabeth Schroedter and Ana Mato Adrover

Compromise amendment 7
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 14, 116, 117, 119)
Article 3, paragraph 1, point (b)

(b) special in-work time-limited income supplements, such as job search allowances, mobility allowances, income support allowances to individuals participating in training activities; ***and temporary wage supplements for workers of at least 50 years of age who accept to re-enter the labour market at a lower wage.***

(b) special in-work time-limited income supplements, such as job search allowances, mobility allowances, income support allowances to individuals participating in training activities;

(ba) incentives including financial incentives, particularly for disadvantaged or older workers, to remain in the labour market.

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Philip Bushill-Matthews and Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou

Compromise amendment 8
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 17, 125, 127)
Article 5, paragraph 2, point (a)

(a) A reasoned analysis of the link between the redundancies and the major structural changes in world trade patterns; demonstration of the number of redundancies; ***and an explanation of the unforeseeable nature of these redundancies;***

(a) A reasoned analysis of the link between the ***planned*** redundancies and the major structural changes in world trade patterns; demonstration of the number of redundancies;

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny and Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Compromise amendment 9
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 18, 128, 129)
Article 5, paragraph 2, point (c)

(c) The expected impact of the redundancies as regards local, regional *or national* employment;

(c) *A description of the territory concerned and its regional or local authorities and other stakeholders and* the expected impact of the redundancies as regards local *or* regional employment;

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin

Compromise amendment 10
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 19, 20, 21)
Article 5, paragraph 2, point (d)

(d) The *specific actions* to be funded and a breakdown of *their* estimated cost, including *their* complementarity with actions financed by the Structural Funds;

(d) The *coordinated package of personalised services* to be funded and a breakdown of *its* estimated cost, including *its* complementarity with actions financed by the Structural Funds *as well as information on actions which are mandatory by virtue of national law or pursuant to collective agreements*;

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Ole Christensen and Jean Louis Cottigny

Compromise amendment 11
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 17, 132, 133)
Article 5, paragraph 2, point (f)

(f) The procedures followed for consulting the social partners;

(f) The procedures followed for consulting the social partners, *and any opinions expressed by them*;

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Elisabeth Schroedter

Compromise amendment 12
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment xx)
Article 6, paragraph 3

3. **Actions in receipt of a financial contribution** from the EGF shall **be compatible with the Treaty and acts adopted according to its provisions.**

3. **Assistance** from the EGF shall **provide solidarity and support for individual workers made redundant as a result of structural changes in world trade patterns. The EGF shall not finance the restructuring of companies or sectors.**

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean-Louis Cottigny, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Elisabeth Schroedter

Compromise amendment 13
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 24, 139)
Article 6, paragraph 5

5. The Member State shall ensure that the specific actions receiving a contribution under the EGF **shall not also receive** assistance from other Community financial instruments.

5. The Member State shall ensure that the specific actions receiving a contribution under the EGF **may complement** assistance from other Community financial instruments, **particularly the ESF.**

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Jamila Madeira and Ole Christensen

Compromise amendment 14
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 143, 144, 145, 146, 148)
Article 8, paragraph 1

1. At the initiative of the Commission, subject to a ceiling of 0.35% of the financial resources available for that year, the EGF may be used to finance monitoring, information, administrative and technical

1. At the initiative of the Commission, subject to a ceiling of 0.35% of the financial resources available for that year, the EGF may be used to finance monitoring, information, administrative and technical

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support, audit, control and evaluation activities necessary to implement this Regulation. ***The EGF shall also be used to set up a European one-stop Internet shop providing wide access to information about the EGF and guidance on the submission of applications, as well as updated information on accepted and refused applications, and highlighting the role of the budgetary authority.***

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin and Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Compromise amendment 15
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 29, 149)
Article 9

The Member State shall ***provide information on and publicise the funded actions. The information shall be addressed to redundant workers and the wider public. It shall highlight the role of the Community and ensure that the contribution from the EGF is visible.***

The Member State shall ***inform the workers concerned, the local and regional associations and authorities, the social partners, the media and organised civil society concerning the EGF and the Community origins of this fund.***

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Elisabeth Schroedter

Compromise amendment 16
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 30, 150)
Article 10, paragraphs 1 and 2

1. The Commission shall, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5) particularly taking into account the number of ***redundancies***, the proposed actions and the estimated costs, ***determine*** as quickly as possible the amount of financial contribution, if any, ***to*** be made within the limits of the resources available.

1. The Commission shall, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5) particularly taking into account the number of ***workers to be supported***, the proposed actions and the estimated costs, ***evaluate and propose*** as quickly as possible the amount of financial contribution, if any, ***that may*** be made within the limits of the

The amount may not exceed 50% of the total of the estimated costs referred to in article 5.2.(d).

2. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5), the Commission has concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met; it shall initiate the procedure set out in Article 12 *as soon as possible*.

resources available.

The amount may not exceed 50% of the total of the estimated costs referred to in Article 5.2.(d).

2. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5), the Commission has concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met; it shall initiate the procedure set out in Article 12 *immediately*.

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Elisabeth Schroedter

Compromise amendment 17
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 26)
Article 11 a (new)

Article 11a

1. The arrangements for the EGF shall comply with the provisions of Article 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management¹ and any revisions of that Article.

2. Appropriations for the EGF shall be entered in the general budget of the European Union as a provision through the normal budgetary procedure as soon as the Commission has identified sufficient margins and/or cancelled commitments. The amounts shall be drawn in the following order:

- cancelled commitment appropriations from year N-2,

- any margin existing under the global expenditure ceiling of year N-1,

- cancelled commitment appropriations

from year N-1.

¹ *OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.*

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Jean Marie Beaupuy and Elisabeth Schroedter

Compromise amendment 18
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 26, 32, 33, 34)
Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2

1. Where the Commission has concluded that a financial contribution should be made from the EGF, it shall submit to the budgetary authority a proposal to authorise appropriations corresponding to the amount determined in accordance with Article 10.

A proposal according to paragraph 1 shall include the following:

- (a) the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5), together with a summary of the information on which that assessment is based;
- (b) evidence that the criteria laid down in *Article 2* are met;
- (c) the reasons justifying the amounts proposed.

2. The Commission shall *submit the proposals in batches to the budgetary authority.*

On *1st July* each year, at least one quarter of

1. Where the Commission has concluded that a financial contribution should be made from the EGF, it shall submit to the budgetary authority a proposal to authorise appropriations corresponding to the amount determined in accordance with Article 10 *and a request for the transfer of the amount to the EGF budget line. Proposals may be grouped into batches.*

Transfers concerning the EGF shall be carried out pursuant to Article 24(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1605/2002.

A proposal according to paragraph 1 shall include the following:

- (a) the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 5(5), together with a summary of the information on which that assessment is based;
- (b) evidence that the criteria laid down in *Articles 2 and 6* are met;
- (c) the reasons justifying the amounts proposed.

2. *At the same time as it presents its proposal, the Commission shall initiate a trilogue procedure, possibly in simplified form, to seek the agreement of both arms of the budgetary authority on the need to use the EGF and the amount required.*

2a. On *1 September* each year, at least one

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quarter of the annual maximum amount of the EGF shall remain available in order to cover needs arising until the end of the year.

Or. en

Compromise amendment by Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin, Jean Louis Cottigny, Elisabeth Schroedter and Jean Marie Beaupuy

Compromise amendment 19
(Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 35, 157, 156, 162)
Article 16, paragraph 1

1. For the first time in 2008 and before 1 July of each year, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and to the Council a report on the activities under this Regulation in the previous year. The report shall in particular contain information relating to applications submitted, Decisions adopted, actions funded and the winding-up of financial contribution made.

1. For the first time in 2008 and before 1 July of each year, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and to the Council a ***quantitative and qualitative*** report on the activities under this Regulation in the previous year. The report shall ***focus mainly on the results achieved by the EGF and shall*** in particular contain information relating to applications submitted, Decisions adopted, actions funded ***including their complementarity with actions funded by the Structural Funds, notably the ESF***, and the winding-up of financial contribution made. ***It shall also document those requests which have been refused owing to a lack of sufficient appropriations or to non-eligibility.***

Or. en