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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC03/2012.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2012
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 04, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 03/2012**

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FROM

CHAPTER - 0405 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

ARTICLE - 04 05 01 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

Commitments	0
Payments	- 1 120 000

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 43 Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Commitments	- 1 120 000
Payments	0

TO

CHAPTER - 0401 Administrative expenditure of the 'Employment and social affairs' policy area

ITEM - 04 01 04 14 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) - Expenditure on administrative management

Non-Diff.	1 120 000
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INTRODUCTION

Regulation 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006, as amended by Regulation (EC) 546/2009, establishes the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF).

Point 28 of the Inter-institutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management sets the budgetary framework.

The total annual budget available for EGF is EUR 500 million. Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) 1927/2006 states that 0.35% of this amount (i.e. EUR 1 750 000) can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

I. INCREASE

a) Heading

04 01 04 14 - European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) - Expenditure on administrative management

b) Figures at 28/03/2012

	Non-Diff.
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	p.m.
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0
2. Transfers	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	0
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	0
6. Requirements up to year-end	1 120 000
7. Increase proposed	1 120 000
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	N/A
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 23(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 17a of the implementing rules	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	Non-Diff.
1. Appropriation available at start of year	602
2. Appropriation available on the 28/03/2012	602
3. Rate of utilisation $[(1-2)/1]$	0,00%

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

An amount of EUR 1 120 000 is requested in order to cover technical assistance related to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund.

The objective of the technical assistance is to finance monitoring, information and advice to Member States on using, following up and evaluating EGF.

The measures to be supported with the requested appropriations are:

- Data collection, update and print of the Statistical Portrait of the EGF – a publication presenting information and statistical data on EGF.
- Updates and expanding of the EGF website <http://ec.europa.eu/egf> including translation of new elements into all EU languages. Printing of the information folders; production, translation, printing and distribution of an annual report. EGF is also to be covered in various Commission publications and audio-visual activities.

- Continuation of work on setting up standardised procedures for EGF applications. This should allow for the simplification of future application, speeding up their processing and easier extraction of reports.
- Creating and rationalising a database containing the facts and figures of EGF cases (including workers, measures and outcomes).
- Data gathering on timelines of redundancies in the MS.
- Meetings of the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF.
- Networking and knowledge sharing meetings (participants with experience in EGF implementation).
- Evaluation of the closed EGF cases with a focus on management systems, participants in the measures and outcomes. The first year of the evaluation is supposed to cover 32 cases.

The above-mentioned measures aim into facilitating of the application procedure as well as enabling better access to and easier proceeding of the relevant data.

Enhanced knowledge sharing, including via EGF website and publications as well as via experts group and networking combined with a better overview of the functioning of EGF thanks to the evaluation study should lead to more efficient implementation of EGF measures in the future.

II. DECREASE

II.A

a) Heading

04 05 01 - European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

b) Figures at 28/03/2012

	Commitments	Payments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	p.m.	50 000 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	0	50 000 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	0	50 000 000
6. Requirements up to year-end	0	48 880 000
7. Proposed decrease	0	1 120 000
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	N/A	2.24%
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 23(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 17a of the implementing rules	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	Commitments	Payments
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on the 28/03/2012	0	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detail grounds for the transfer

The line for technical assistance from the EGF at the Commission's initiative (budget line: 04 01 04 14) is used for this measure and must therefore be provided with commitment and payment appropriations. Some of the payment appropriations available on the EGF line 04 05 01 will be used to cover this amount.

II.B

a) Heading

40 02 43 - Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

b) Figures at 28/03/2012

	Commitments	Payments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	500 000 000	p.m.
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	500 000 000	0
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	500 000 000	0
6. Requirements up to year-end	498 880 000	0
7. Proposed decrease	1 120 000	0
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	0.22%	N/A
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 23(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 17a of the implementing rules	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	Commitments	Payments
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2. Appropriation available on the 28/03/2012	0	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detail grounds for the transfer

Under point 28 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management, the reserve for European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is intended to provide additional support for workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

**TRANSFERS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION ADJUSTMENT FUND
COMMISSION PROPOSALS AS OF 17/04/2012**

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2012 which relate to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, and the amount of the EGF reserve which will remain should these proposals be approved.

Transfer Ref	Date sent to B.A.	Content	Amount EUR (Commitments from Reserve)
DEC 02	15/02/12	EGF/2011/006 ES Comunidad Valenciana Construction	1.642.030
DEC 03	17/04/12	EGF/2012/000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	1.120.000
		Total of Proposals	2.762.030
		Remainder	497.237.970

* These transfers have been finally adopted by the Budget Authority