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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 22/2017 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2017

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 22/2017.

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GENERAL BUDGET - 2017  
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**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 22/2017**

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**FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 43 Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund	Commitments	-2 949 150,00
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**TO**

**CHAPTER** - 0404 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (egf)

ARTICLE - 04 04 01 EGF -- to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of globalisation	Commitments	2 949 150,00
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## **Introduction:**

The rules applicable to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) are laid down in 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 (the 'EGF Regulation'). This Regulation covers applications for the mobilisation of the EGF submitted to the Commission after 1 January 2014.

Point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management sets the budgetary provisions related to the EGF.

The EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail application was submitted under the intervention criteria of Article 4(2) derogating from the criteria of Article 4(1)(b) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 500 workers being made redundant over a reference period of nine months in enterprises operating in the same economic sector defined at NACE Revision 2 Division and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level in a Member State.

On the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Articles 8 and 13 of the EGF Regulation, the Commission concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution from the EGF to application EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail, submitted by the Greek authorities, are met.

Under application EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail an amount of EUR 2 949 150 (60% of total estimated costs) is requested by the Greek authorities to contribute to the costs of a coordinated package of eligible personalised services for 725 targeted beneficiaries following redundancies in nine enterprises operating in the retail sector in Attica and other ten regions (Greece). The aim is to provide assistance for re-integrating the affected persons into the labour market. The redundancies were caused by the global financial and economic crisis addressed in Regulation (EC) No 546/2009.

For an average amount of EUR 4 068 per worker, the coordinated package of eligible personalised services to be provided to redundant workers will consist of the following actions: professional counselling; training, retraining and vocational training; contribution to business start-ups; job-search and training allowances; job creation subsidies.

## I. DECREASE

### I.1

#### a) Heading

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

#### b) Figure at 27/09/2017

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	168 924 000,00
2 Transfers	-9 292 894,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	159 631 106,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>159 631 106,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>156 681 956,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>2 949 150,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	1,75 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

#### c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 27/09/2017	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

#### d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

Under point 13 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council a proposal for a transfer of appropriations from the reserve for the EGF to the relevant budgetary line in parallel to the proposal for a decision to mobilise the EGF.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**04 04 01 - EGF -- to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of globalisation**

#### **b) Figure at 27/09/2017**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	0,00
2 Transfers	8 982 894,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	8 982 894,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	8 982 894,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>2 949 150,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>2 949 150,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	n/a
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	16 214 491,70
2 Appropriations available on 27/09/2017	16 214 491,70
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

In the proposal for Decision COM(2017) 613, the Commission concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution from the EGF to application EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail, submitted by the Greek authorities, are met.

The amount of EUR 2 949 150 requested by the Greek authorities will contribute to the costs of a coordinated package of eligible personalised services for 725 targeted beneficiaries following redundancies in nine enterprises operating in the retail sector in Attica and other ten regions (Greece), with the aim of providing assistance for re-integrating the affected persons into the labour market.

The redundancies were caused by the global financial and economic crisis addressed in Regulation (EC) No 546/2009.

**TRANSFERS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION ADJUSTMENT FUND COMMISSION  
PROPOSALS AS OF 23/10/2017**

The table below shows the transfer proposals transmitted to the Budgetary Authority to date during 2017 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	Amounts in EUR (Commitments from Reserve)
DEC 01*	23/01/17	EGF/2016/005 NL/Drenthe Overijssel Retail	1.818.750
DEC 02*	28/02/17	EGF/2017/000/TA - Technical Assistance	310.000
DEC 06*	07/04/17	EGF/2016/008 FI/Nokia Network Systems	2.641.800
DEC 08*	02/06/17	EGF/2017/001 ES/Castilla y León mining	1.002.264
DEC 13*	21/06/17	EGF/2017/002 FI/Microsoft 2	3.520.080
DEC 19	26/09/17	EGF/2017/004 IT/Almaviva	3.347.370
DEC 22	23/10/17	EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail	2.949.150
DEC 27	23/10/17	EGF/2017/005 FI/Retail	2.499.360
		<b>Total of Proposals</b>	18.088.774
		<b>Remainder</b>	150.835.226

\* These transfers have been finally adopted by the Budgetary Authority.

**At this stage, the levels of internal assigned revenue available payment appropriations (current year and carried-over from previous year) are as follows:**

*Line 04 04 01: EGF – to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of the globalisation*

	Amounts in EUR
Internal assigned revenue - current year	13.122.476
Internal assigned revenue - carried-over from previous year	7.231.598

*Line 04 04 51: Completion of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2007 to 2013)*

	Amounts in EUR
Internal assigned revenue - current year	-
Internal assigned revenue - carried-over from previous year	-