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GENERAL BUDGET - 2015

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 04, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 14/2015

FROM

CHAPTER - 0404 European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

ARTICLE - 04 04 01 EGF - to support workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased as a result of the globalisation	Payments	-630 000,00
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CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 43 Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund	Commitments	-630 000,00
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CHAPTER - 0401 Administrative expenditure of the `Employment, social affairs and inclusion` policy area

ITEM - 04 01 04 04 Support expenditure for European Globalisation Adjustment Fund	Non-Diff	630 000,00
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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').

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

The total budget available for EGF in 2015 is EUR 162 million. In accordance with Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation, up to 0.5 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

I. DECREASE

L1

a) Heading

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

b) Figure at 18/03/2015

	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	25 000 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	25 000 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	25 000 000,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	24 370 000,00
7 Proposed decrease	630 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	2,52 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

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

	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	26 303 942,46
2 Appropriations available on 18/03/2015	26 303 942,46
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The line for technical assistance from the EGF at the Commission's initiative (budget line: 04 01 04 04) must be provided with commitment and payment appropriations. EUR 630 000 of the payment appropriations available on the EGF line 04 04 01 will be used to cover the technical assistance requirements.

I.2

a) Heading

40 02 43 - Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

b) Figure at 18/03/2015

	Commitments
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	162 365 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	-6 346 189,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	156 018 811,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	156 018 811,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	155 388 811,00
7 Proposed decrease	630 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	0,39 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

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

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 18/03/2015	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 01 04 04 - Support expenditure for European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

b) Figure at 18/03/2015

	Non-Diff
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	0,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	0,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	0,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	630 000,00
7 Proposed increase	630 000,00
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 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

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

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 18/03/2015	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The Commission requests EUR 630 000 to cover the technical assistance related to the EGF (i.e. EUR 182 000 below the maximum amount).

The measures to be supported are as foreseen in Articles 11(1) and (4), and 12(2),(3) and (4) of the EGF Regulation and include:

- Monitoring and data gathering: the Commission will collect data on applications received, paid and wound up, and measures proposed and implemented. These data will be made available on the EGF website and compiled in appropriate form for the Biennial Report of 2017. Building on the work of recent years, the costs for this activity are estimated at EUR 20 000.

- Information: the EGF website, maintained as required under Article 12(2) of the EGF Regulation, will be regularly updated and expanded with each new element also being translated into all EU languages. General awareness of the EGF and its visibility will be encouraged. A small print run of the EGF ex-post evaluation will be made available together with an online publication. The EGF will be covered in various publications and audio-visual activities as provided for in Article 11(4) of the EGF Regulation. Costs of all these items are estimated at EUR 20 000 in 2015.

- Creation of a knowledge base/application interface: the Commission continues its work towards standardised procedures for EGF applications and management using the functionalities of the Structural Funds Communication system (SFC), into which it is being integrated. This allows applications under the EGF Regulation to be simplified, their processing to be speeded up and reports to be more easily extracted for varying needs. Integration of final reports will follow, with the objective of easing the administrative burden for the Member States. The cost of these items is estimated at EUR 100 000 corresponding to the EGF contribution to the development of the SFC and its regular maintenance.
- Administrative and technical support: the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, with one member from each Member State, will be holding two meetings (end of 2015/first half of 2016), together estimated at EUR 70 000.
- In addition, the Commission will be organising networking among the Member States, with two seminars of EGF implementing bodies from the Member States around the same dates, focusing on issues arising with the practical implementation of the EGF Regulation at grassroots level. The cost of these items is estimated at EUR 120 000.
- Evaluation: the public procurement for the mid-term evaluation will be launched in 2015 with a view to concluding the evaluation by 30 June 2017 (as required by Article 20(1)(a) of the EGF Regulation) for which EUR 300 000 will be needed in 2015.

