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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2018/000 TA
2018 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission)**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The rules applicable to financial contributions from 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) 1927/2006¹ (the 'EGF Regulation').

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION AND ANALYSIS

Key data:	
EGF Reference no.	EGF/2018/000
European Commission	Technical assistance
Administrative expenditure: budget in EUR	345 000
% administrative expenditure (ceiling: 0,5 %)	0,2 %

In accordance with Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation, a maximum of 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.

Technical assistance to be funded and breakdown of its estimated costs

1. The contribution will be used for expenditure mentioned in Article 11(1) and (4) as well as Article 12(2), (3) and (4) of the EGF Regulation, as detailed hereunder.
2. Monitoring and data gathering: The Commission will collect data on applications received, paid and wound up, and measures proposed and implemented. This data will be made available on the web site and compiled in appropriate form for the Biennial Reports of 2019 and 2021. Building on the work of recent years, costs for this activity will be EUR 20 000.
3. Information: The web site on the EGF², which the Commission has set up within its Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion area, and which it is maintaining 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 will be increased and its visibility promoted. A small print run of the EGF mid-term evaluation will be made available together with an online publication. The EGF will be covered in various Commission 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 2018.
4. Creation of a knowledge base / application interface: The Commission is continuing its work on standardised procedures for EGF applications and management, using the functionalities of SFC 2014, 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. Reporting procedures are integrated as well. A Back-Office module acts as an interface between SFC and the Commission's accounting and financial information system ABAC, facilitating EGF financial operations. As most of the programming has been done in the past years, only further fine-tuning and adjustments to possible changes are needed. Due to the lower programming costs and equal maintenance costs, the funds needed are lower than in the past years. The cost of these items is estimated at

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

² <http://ec.europa.eu/egf>

EUR 80 000, as the EGF contribution to the further development and updating of SFC and its regular maintenance.

5. Administrative and technical support: The Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, with one member from each Member State, will be holding three meetings (second half of 2018 / first half of 2019). The total costs of these three meetings are estimated at EUR 105 000.
6. In addition, in order to promote networking among the Member States, the Commission will organise two seminars with the participation of EGF implementing bodies and social partners. To the extent possible, these will be scheduled to take place around the same dates as two of the three Expert Group meetings and will focus on issues arising from the practical implementation of the EGF Regulation at grassroots level. The cost of these items is estimated at EUR 120 000.

Items	Estimated number	Estimated cost per item (in EUR)	Total costs (in EUR)
Monitoring and data gathering	Various	Various	20 000
Information activities	Various	Various	20 000
Creation, updating and maintenance of a knowledge base / application interface in SFC	Various	Various	80 000
Administrative and technical support: Meetings of the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF	3	35 000	105 000
Administrative and technical support: Networking seminars on the implementation of the EGF	2	60 000	120 000
Total estimated costs			345 000

Financing

7. The maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2018 is EUR 150 million in 2011 prices (EUR 172 303 000 in 2018 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020³.
8. Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation states that 0,5 % of this amount (i.e. EUR 861 515 in 2018) can be made available for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. Currently, the entire amount for 2018 remains available; nothing has yet been allocated to technical assistance. The proposed amount corresponds to about 0,2 % of the maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2018.
9. The proposed decision to mobilise the EGF will be taken jointly by the European Parliament and the Council, as laid down in point 13 of the Interinstitutional

³ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management⁴.

Related acts

10. At the same time as it presents this proposal for a decision to mobilise the EGF, the Commission will present to the European Parliament and to the Council a proposal for a transfer to the relevant budgetary line for the amount of EUR 345 000.

Source of payment appropriations

11. Appropriations from the EGF budget line will be used to cover the amount of EUR 345 000 needed for technical assistance.

⁴ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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) 1927/2006⁵, and in particular Article 11(2) thereof,

Having regard to 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 on sound financial management⁶, and in particular point 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activities have ceased as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation, as a result of a continuation of the global financial and economic crisis, or as a result of a new global financial and economic crisis, and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 150 million (2011 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013⁷.
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 provides that a maximum of 0,5 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be used each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.
- (4) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide the sum of EUR 345 000 for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 345 000 in commitment and payment appropriations.

⁵ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

⁶ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

⁷ Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President