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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 02/2018**

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 43 Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund	Commitments	-720 000,00
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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	720 000,00
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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'). 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/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel application was submitted under the intervention criteria of Article 4(2) of the EGF Regulation derogating from the criteria of Article 4(1)(b), 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. There were 303 redundancies in the NUTS level 2 region of Galicia (ES11).

On the basis of the assessment carried out, the Commission concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution from the EGF to application EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel, submitted by the Spanish authorities, are met.

Under application EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel an amount of EUR 720 000 (60% of total estimated costs) is requested by the Spanish authorities to contribute to the costs of a coordinated package of eligible personalised services for 303 targeted beneficiaries following redundancies in five enterprises operating in the wearing apparel sector in Galicia (Spain). The aim is to provide assistance for re-integrating the affected persons into the labour market. The redundancies were caused by major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

For an average amount of EUR 2 376 per worker, the coordinated package of eligible personalised services to be provided to redundant workers will consist of the following actions: welcome sessions and preparatory workshops; occupational guidance; training (on key and horizontal competences, vocational training); intensive job-search assistance; tutoring after reintegration into work; incentives to jobseekers (for participation, contribution to expenses, income compensation).

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

40 02 43 - Reserve for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

b) Figure at 05/01/2018

	Commitments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	172 302 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+2)	172 302 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	172 302 000,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	171 582 000,00
7 Proposed decrease	720 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1)	0,42 %
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)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/01/2018	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 05/01/2018

	Commitments
1 Appropriation in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1+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	720 000,00
7 Proposed increase	720 000,00
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)

	Commitments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/01/2018	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

In the proposal for Decision COM(2017) 686, the Commission concluded that the conditions for a financial contribution from the EGF to application EGF/2017/006 ES/Galicia apparel, submitted by the Spanish authorities, are met.

The amount of EUR 720 000 requested by the Spanish authorities will contribute to the costs of a coordinated package of eligible personalised services for 303 targeted beneficiaries following redundancies in five enterprises operating in the wearing apparel sector in Galicia, Spain, with the aim of providing assistance for re-integrating the affected persons into the labour market.

The redundancies were caused by major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation.

