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To: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of
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Subject: Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on
the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
(EGF/2020/000 TA 2020 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the
Commission)

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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/2020/000 TA
2020 - 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/2020/000
European Commission	Technical assistance
Administrative expenditure: budget in EUR	345 000
% administrative expenditure (ceiling: 0,5 %)	0,19%

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.

Description	Total costs (in EUR)
Administrative support	210 000
Technical support	135 000
Total estimated costs	345 000

2. Administrative support:

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 855.

- The Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, with two members from each Member State, will be holding its two regular meetings (second half of 2020 and first half of 2021).
- 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. These will be scheduled to possibly take place around the same dates as the Expert Group meetings. The seminars will focus on the EGF ex-post evaluation and on the implementation of the post-2020 EGF Regulation.
- Information activities. 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. The EGF will be covered in various Commission publications and audio-visual activities as provided for in Article 11(4) of the EGF Regulation.

3. Technical support:

- Maintenance and updating of an electronic data exchange system. The Commission is continuing its work on standardised procedures for EGF applications and management, using the functionalities of the Shared Fund Management Common System (SFC), into which the EGF 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. The SFC interface is also facilitating the EGF financial operations.
- Development of the post-2020 interface in SFC which will require additional funds for creation of new functionalities and adjustments to possible changes in the post-2020 EGF Regulation.
- 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 2021.

Financing

4. The maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2020 is EUR 150 million in 2011 prices (EUR 179 264 000 in 2020 prices), as laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013³ of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020³.
5. Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation states that 0,5 % of this amount can be made available for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. Currently, the entire amount for 2020 remains available; nothing has yet been allocated to technical

² <http://ec.europa.eu/egf>

³ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.

assistance. The proposed amount corresponds to 0,19% of the maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2020.

6. 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 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

7. 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

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

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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.
- (5) In order to minimise the time taken to mobilise the EGF, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption.

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).

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 345 000 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from *[the date of its adoption]**.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

* Date to be inserted by the Parliament before the publication in OJ.