Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Barbara MATERA (EPP, IT) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for a total amount of **EUR 1 110 000** in commitment and payment appropriations to finance technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

To recall, up to 0.35% of the annual EGF amount can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, in order to finance monitoring, information, administrative and technical support, audit, control and evaluation activities necessary to implement the EGF Regulation including the provision of information and guidance for the Member States in using, monitoring and evaluation the EGF and providing information on using the EGF to the European and national social partners.

In this context, the Commission requested mobilisation of the EGF in order to cover its administrative needs for the preparatory work in view of the mid-term evaluation of the functioning of the EGF (covering studies on implementation, reintegration of workers into the labour market, development of networks between Member State services in charge of the EGF, exchange of good practices) and also for the update and development of the website, of applications and documents in all languages and audiovisual activities, which is in line with Parliament's will to raise citizens awareness on EU actions.

Given that the Commission’s application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation, MEPs request the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF for the requested amount.

MEPs recall the institutions' commitment to ensure a smooth and rapid procedure for the adoption of the decisions on the mobilisation of the EGF.