Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in the ICT sector in Finland

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in order to assist Finland in dealing with redundancies in its information technology (ICT) sector.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/2457 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Finland — EGF/2015/005 FI/Computer Programming).

CONTENT: with this Decision, the European Parliament and the Council have decided to mobilise the sum of **EUR 2 623 200** in commitment and payment appropriations from European Globalisation Adjustment Fund within the framework of the 2015 budget.

This amount aims to obtain a financial contribution from the EGF following redundancies in the economic sector classified under the NACE Revision 2 Division 62 (Computer programming, consultancy and related activities) in the NUTS level 2 regions of Länsi-Suomi (FI19), Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI1B), Etelä-Suomi (FI1C) and Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi (FI1D) in Finland.

Given that this application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Regulation No 1309/2013 (EGF Regulation 2014-2020), the European Parliament and Council have decided to grant the above-mentioned amount.

The application was considered admissible since the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local, regional or national economy. Ireland has also decided to provide personalised services co-financed by the EGF also to 108 young persons not in employment, education or training (NEETs).

To recall, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aims to provide support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has 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.

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, allows mobilization of the EGF upto a maximum annual amount of **EUR 150 million** .

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