

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2019/000 TA 2019 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission).

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: 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.

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 1311/2013](#). 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.

The EGF shall be mobilised in order to provide the sum of **EUR 610 000** for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Technical assistance to be funded and breakdown of estimated costs

Monitoring and data gathering: the Commission will collect data on applications received, funded and wound up, and measures proposed and implemented. This data will be made available on the website of the European Commission and compiled in appropriate form for the Biennial Report of 2021. Costs for this activity are estimated at EUR 20 000.

Information: the Commission has set up and maintains a webpage on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund. The webpage will be regularly updated and expanded, and the new elements will be translated into all EU official languages. General awareness of the EGF will be increased and its visibility promoted. Costs of all these items are estimated to be EUR 20 000.

Electronic data exchange system: the Commission is continuing its work on developing standardised procedures for EGF applications and case management. This allows the simplification of applications under the EGF Regulation, a faster processing, and easier reporting. An interface between SFC and the Commission's accounting and financial information system ABAC facilitates the financial operations of the EGF. The contribution of EUR 80 000 is for the regular maintenance and further development of the SFC applications and the integration of new reporting tools.

Administrative and technical support: the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, with one member from each Member State, will be holding two meetings (second half of 2019 / first half of 2020). The total costs of these two meetings are estimated at EUR 70 000. In addition, in order to promote networking among the Member States, the Commission will organise two seminars with the participation of the implementing bodies of the EGF and social partners. The cost of these items is estimated at EUR 120 000.

Evaluation: a public procurement for the ex-post evaluation will be launched in 2019, with a view to concluding the evaluation by 31 December 2021. EUR 300 000 will be needed for this purpose.