

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance

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The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Bogdan RZOCA (ECR, PL) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to provide the sum of EUR 610 000 in commitment and payment appropriations for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission (EGF/2019/000 TA 2019 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission).

Members recalled that the Union set up legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns or of the global financial and economic crisis and to assist their necessary and prompt reintegration into the labour market.

The proposed amount of EUR 610 000 corresponds to approximately 0.35 % of the maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2019.

Once again, Members recalled the importance of a dedicated website on the EGF to be accessible to all Union citizens. They took note that the Commission intends to invest EUR 190 000 of the available budget under the administrative and technical support in holding two meetings of the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF (one member from each Member State) and two seminars with the participation of the implementing bodies of the EGF and social partners.

The Commission is called on to continue to systematically invite Parliament to these meetings and seminars in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Framework Agreement on relations between Parliament and the Commission.

Members underlined the need to further enhance the liaising between all those involved in EGF applications, including, in particular, the social partners and stakeholders at regional and local level, to create as many synergies as possible.

They welcomed a timely start of the ex-post evaluation for which the Commission intends to invest EUR 300 000 of the available budget.

Lastly, Members called on the European Parliament to approve the decision annexed to this resolution and provide for the mobilisation of EUR 610 000 in commitment and payment appropriations under the EGF in the framework of the EU budget for the financial year 2019.