

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) 2014-2020

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The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted the report by Vilija BLINKEVIIT (S&D, LT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020).

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

As a reminder, this proposal is part of the Union preparedness and contingency plan to mitigate the most significant disruptions caused by a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement. The proposed amendments aim to clarify that redundancies resulting from a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without a withdrawal agreement fall within the scope of the EGF.

In a statement annexed to the draft resolution, the European Parliament called on the Commission and the Member States to ensure a flexible application of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for the period 2014-2020 in the event of withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union, in particular with regard to collective applications involving SMEs in single or multisectoral cases.

The Committee on Budgets also expressed its support for the proposal for a regulation amending the EGF Regulation.