Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2023/000 TA 2023 – Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission

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PURPOSE: Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers (Technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission).

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

BACKGROUND: the rules applicable to financial contributions from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/691 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013. The annual allocation to the EGF shall not exceed a maximum amount of EUR 186 000 000 (in 2018 prices), as provided for in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093.

Regulation (EU) 2021/691 provides that a maximum of 0.5% of the maximum annual amount allocated to the EGF may be available each year on technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. This assistance is necessary to fulfil the obligations relating to the implementation of the EGF imposed by Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/691.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that within the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2023, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers be mobilised so that an amount of EUR 190 000 in commitment and payment appropriations is allocated to technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

In 2023, **administrative expenditure** will cover:

- the organisation of one virtual and one face-to-face meeting of the EGF Expert pert Group of Contact Persons;

- the organisation by the Commission of one seminar with the participation of EGF implementing bodies and social partners;

- information activities to raise general awareness of the EGF and promote its visibility.

Technical expenditure will cover:

- maintenance and update of an electronic data exchange system. The Commission is continuing its work on standardised procedures for EGF applications and management, using the functionalities of the Shared Fund Management Common System (SFC);

- monitoring and data gathering: the Commission will collect data on applications received, paid and wound up, and measures proposed and implemented. This data will be made available on the web site and compiled in appropriate form for future biennial reports.