Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in the retail sector in Belgium

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in respect of redundancies in the retail sector in Belgium.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2024/2854 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Belgium – EGF/2024/001 BE/Match-Smatch.

CONTENT: the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) aims to demonstrate solidarity and promote decent and sustainable employment in the Union by providing support for workers made redundant and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased in the case of major restructuring events and assisting them in returning to decent and sustainable employment as soon as possible.

The European Parliament and the Council have decided that for the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers will be mobilised to provide the amount of **EUR 2 661 564** in commitment and payment appropriations in response to the application submitted by Belgium following the displacement of 513 workers whose activity has ceased in Match-Smatch (Match SA. and Profi SA.) - retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

The annual allocation to the EGF will not exceed EUR 30 million (at 2018 prices).

The application is deemed admissible under the intervention criteria of Article 4(2)(a) of the EGF Regulation, which requires at least 200 workers being made redundant over a reference period of four months in an enterprise in a Member State, including workers made redundant by suppliers and downstream producers and/or self-employed persons whose activity has ceased.

The agreed amount is intended to cover the following activities:

- information services;

- occupational guidance and outplacement assistance;

- training, retraining and vocational training;

- support and contribution towards business creation;

- incentives and allowances.

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