Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MATERA Barbara (PPE)	20/10/2010
	Shadow rapporteur PICKART ALVARO Alexander Nuno (ALDE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	3050	2010-11-29

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz

Key events

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18/11/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
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29/11/2010	Draft budget approved by Council		
14/12/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0456/2010	Summary
14/12/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
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European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE450.929	19/10/2010	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE452.792	12/11/2010	
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Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany

2010/2241(BUD) - 15/10/2010 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in respect of redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany.

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

CONTENT: the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established by Council Regulation No 1927/2006 to provide additional support to redundant workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline allows for the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) through a flexibility mechanism, within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The Commission services have carried out a thorough examination of the application submitted by Germany to mobilise the EGF. The main elements of the assessment are as follows:

Germany: application EGF/2010/018 DE/Heidelberger Druckmaschinen, Germany: on 27 May 2010, Germany submitted application EGF/2010/018 DE /Heidelberger Druckmaschinen for a financial contribution from the EGF, following redundancies in the enterprise Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG in Germany.

After a thorough examination of this application, the Commission has concluded in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met. The application was supplemented by additional information up to 1 July 2010.

In order to establish the link between the redundancies and the global financial and economic crisis, Germany argues that the manufacturing of printing machinery has followed the general trend of the machine construction which in 2009 saw a decline of orders resulting from the crisis. In Germany in April 2009 the orders for printing machinery were 52.6% below the level reached in April 2008. For Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG the total sales dropped by 22% in the second quarter of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 and by 33% compared to the same period in 2007. The German authorities state that expenditure for advertising material has decreased significantly worldwide.

Germany submitted this application under the intervention criteria of Article 2(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006, which requires at least 500 redundancies over a four-month period in an enterprise in a Member State, including workers made redundant in its suppliers and downstream producers. The application cites 1 212 redundancies in a single enterprise – Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG – during the reference period from 26 January 2010 to 26 May 2010.

After a thorough examination of this application, the Commission has concluded in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met.

On the basis of the application from Germany, the proposed contribution from the EGF to the coordinated package of personalised services is **EUR 8 308 555**, representing 65% of the total cost.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: considering the maximum possible amount of a financial contribution from the EGF under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006, as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the EGF for the total amount of **EUR 8 308 555** to be allocated under heading 1a of the financial framework.

The proposed amount of financial contribution will leave more than 25% of the maximum annual amount earmarked for the EGF available for allocations during the last four months of the year.

By presenting this proposal to mobilise the EGF, the Commission initiates the simplified trialogue procedure, as required by Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, with a view to securing the agreement of the two arms of the budgetary authority on the need to use the EGF and the amount required. The Commission invites the first of the two arms of the budgetary authority that reaches agreement on the draft mobilisation proposal, at appropriate political level, to inform the other arm and the Commission of its intentions. In case of disagreement by either of the two arms of the budgetary authority, a formal trialogue meeting will be convened.

The Commission presents separately a transfer request in order to enter in the 2010 budget specific commitment and payment appropriations, as required in Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006.

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany

2010/2241(BUD) - 14/12/2010 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 502 votes to 57, with 15 abstentions, a resolution approving the annexed proposal for a decision on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for an amount of **EUR 8 308 555** in commitment and payment appropriations in respect of **redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany**.

Parliament recalls that the European Union has set up the appropriate legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market.

Given that Germany has requested assistance in respect of cases concerning 1 181 redundancies distributed over the four production sites of the enterprise *Heidelberger Druckmaschinen* in Baden-Württemberg, which operates in the manufacturing of printing machinery sector, and that this application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation, Parliament requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF for the requested amount.

Parliament recalls the institutions' commitment to ensuring a smooth and rapid procedure for the adoption of the decisions on the mobilisation of the EGF, providing one-off, time-limited individual support geared to helping workers who have suffered redundancies as a result of globalisation and the financial and economic crisis.

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Parliament also recalls that:

- assistance from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements, nor measures restructuring companies or sectors;
- the information provided by the Commission on the coordinated package of personalised services to be funded from the EGF includes detailed information on the complementarity with actions funded by the Structural Funds (Parliament reiterates its call to present a comparative evaluation of these data in the Commission annual reports as well);
- the functioning and the added value of the EGF should be evaluated in the context of the general assessment of the programmes and various other instruments created by the IIA of 17 May 2006 within the process of the 2007-2013 Multiannual Financial Framework mid-term review.

In parallel, Parliament welcomes the fact that, in the context of mobilising the EGF, **an alternative source of payment appropriations to unused European Social Fund has been proposed by the Commission**, following the frequent reminders by the European Parliament that the EGF was created as a separate specific instrument with its own objectives and deadlines and that appropriate budget lines for transfers must therefore be identified.

Parliament also notes that, in order to mobilise the EGF for this case, payment appropriations will be transferred from a budget line dedicated to the support of SMEs and innovation (even if it regrets the severe shortcomings of the European Commission when implementing the framework programmes on competitiveness and innovation, particularly during an economic crisis which should significantly increase the need for such support).

Lastly, Parliament welcomes the new format of the Commission's proposal, which presents in its explanatory memorandum clear and detailed information on the application, analyses the eligibility criteria and explains the reasons which led to its approval, which is in line with Parliament's requests.

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany

2010/2241(BUD) - 15/12/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in respect of redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery in Germany.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2010/811/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/018 DE/Heidelberger Druckmaschinen from Germany).

CONTENT: by this Decision, the European Parliament and the Council have decided to mobilise **EUR 8 308 555** in commitment and payment appropriations from the European Globalisation and Adjustment Fund in the framework of the 2010 budget.

The Fund will be mobilised to assist Germany in respect of redundancies in the manufacturing of printing machinery sector.

Given that this application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006, the Parliament and the Council have decided to respond by providing the aforementioned amount.

To recall, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was set up to provide additional support to redundant workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market. The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million. It should also be noted that the scope of the EGF was broadened for applications submitted from 1 May 2009 to include support for workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis.