Basic information

2011/2130(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure	Procedure completed
Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance by the Commission **Subject** 8.70.60 Previous annual budgets	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MATERA Barbara (PPE)	27/06/2011
	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
General Affairs	3107	2011-07-18

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Budget	LEWANDOWSKI Janusz

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/06/2011	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2011)0358	Summary
05/07/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/07/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
14/07/2011	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A7-0270/2011	

18/07/2011	Draft budget approved by Council		
14/09/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0371/2011	Summary
14/09/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/09/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/10/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/2130(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/7/06330

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE467.303	23/06/2011	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A7-0270/2011	14/07/2011	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T7-0371/2011	14/09/2011	Summary

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Final act

Decision 2011/0658
OJ L 263 07.10.2011, p. 0015 Summary

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance by the Commission

2011/2130(BUD) - 14/09/2011 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 557 votes to 76, with 23 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) for an amount of **EUR 610 000** in commitment and payment appropriations in the framework of a request for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission application (EGF/2011/000 TA 2011).

The European Parliament recalls that the 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. It underlines that the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible. Moreover, it states that up to 0.35% of the annual EGF amount can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative at the Commission, in order to finance monitoring, information, administrative and technical support, audit, control and evaluation activities necessary to implement the EGF Regulation, including the provision of information and guidance for the Member States in using, monitoring and evaluation the EGF.

Against this background, the Commission has requested that the Fund be mobilised in order to cover its administrative needs for monitoring and information on the implementation of the EGF, creation of a knowledge base, which would allow applications and their processing to be speeded up, administrative and technical support, exchange of successful practices among the Member States and mid-term evaluation of the EGF.

Given that the application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation, Parliament approves the proposed Decision annexed to the draft resolution. It calls on the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to improve procedural and budgetary arrangements in order to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF. It welcomes the fact that, following repeated requests from the Parliament, for the first time the 2011 budget shows payment appropriations of EUR 47 608 950 on the EGF budget line 04 05 01.

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance by the Commission

2011/2130(BUD) - 22/06/2011 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) to finance technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

CONTENT: Point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreementof 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management 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.

According to Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006, 0.35% of the annual maximum amount of the EGF can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. It is in the context of this margin that the Commission is proposing to mobilise the EGF for a technical assistance as outlined below.

Technical assistance to be funded and break-down of its estimated costs: the Commission intends to mobilise an amount of **EUR 610 000** to finance the following tasks:

- **Monitoring**: the Commission will collect the data on applications received and paid, and the measures proposed and implemented, and it will update and print the Statistical Portrait of the EGF with information up to the end of 2011. The cost is estimated at **EUR 20 000**.
- **Information**: the EGF web site will be regularly updated and expanded, each new element also being translated into all EU languages. Press folders will be printed, and the annual report of the EGF will be produced, translated, printed and distributed. General awareness of the EGF and its visibility will be enhanced, inter alia by the production of a video based on several EGF cases being implemented. The EGF will be covered in various Commission publications and audio-visual activities. Costs for all these items are estimated at **EUR 250 000**.
- **Creation of a knowledge base**: the Commission will set up standardised procedures for EGF applications and their processing, which will allow applications to be simplified, their processing to be speeded up and reports to be more easily extracted for varying needs. The cost is estimated at **EUR 70 000**.
- **Administrative and technical support**: the Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, with 27 members, one from each Member State, will be holding two meetings, budgeted at EUR 35 000 per meeting. The two meetings are together estimated at **EUR 70 000**.
- **Exchange of best practices**: in addition, the Commission will be organising the exchange of successful practices among the Member States, enabling participants with experience of EGF implementation to network with each other. The first of these meetings will be devoted to exchanges of information and experiences on the timing and funding of EGF applications. This networking activity is estimated at **EUR 200 000** .

Financing: the total annual budget available for the EGF is EUR 500 million. Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 states that 0.35% of this amount (i.e. EUR 1 750 000) can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. Currently, the full amount for 2011 remains available; nothing has yet been allocated to technical assistance. The proposed contribution for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in 2011 is EUR 610 000. Following the mobilisation of this amount, the amount of EUR 1 140 000 potentially remains available in case of further need at a later stage in the year.

Source of payment appropriations: an amount of EUR 7 302 277 remains available on the EGF Budget line 04.0501 after adoption by both arms of the Budgetary Authority of three Decisions totalling an amount of EUR 10 371 321, and taking into account the four cases currently discussed by the Budgetary Authority for a total amount of EUR 29 935 352. This available amount will be used to cover the amount of EUR 610 000 needed for technical assistance. The Commission proposes to mobilise the EGF for the total amount referred to above, to be allocated under heading 1a of the financial framework.

Procedure: by presenting this proposal to mobilise the EGF, the Commission initiates the simplified trialogue procedure, as required by Point 28 of the Inter-institutional 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 2011 budget specific commitment appropriations.

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: technical assistance by the Commission

2011/2130(BUD) - 27/09/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to mobilise the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) to finance technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2011/658/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on 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/2011/000 TA 2011 — technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission)

CONTENT: under this Decision, the European Parliament and the Council decide to mobilise an amount of **EUR 610 000** in commitment and payment appropriations under the EGF, in the framework of the 2011 budget to finance technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission (monitoring, information, technical and administrative support,…to facilitate the implementation of the EGF).

To recall, the EGF was established to provide additional support to redundant workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market. The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the EGF within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million. Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 also provides that 0.35 % of the annual maximum amount can be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission, as foreseen in this decision.