

Basic information	
2026/0038(BUD) BUD - Budgetary procedure Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2025/007 BE/Casa – Belgium Subject 4.15.05 Industrial restructuring, job losses, redundancies, relocations, Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) 8.70.48 2026 budget	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		SOUSA SILVA Hélder (EPP)	13/02/2026
			Shadow rapporteur GERMAIN Jean-Marc (S&D) FURET Angéline (Pfe) RZOŃCA Bogdan (ECR) CHASTEL Olivier (Renew) ȘTEFĂNUȚĂ Nicolae (Greens/EFA) FARANTOURIS Nikolas (The Left)	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		DANIELSSON Johan (S&D)	26/03/2025
	REGI Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union				

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/02/2026	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2026)0003 	

12/02/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/03/2026	Draft budget approved by Council		
17/03/2026	Vote in committee		
18/03/2026	Budgetary report tabled for plenary	A10-0061/2026	
26/03/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0102/2026	Summary
26/03/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/04/2026	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2026/0038(BUD)
Procedure type	BUD - Budgetary procedure
Procedure subtype	Mobilisation of funds
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/10/05227

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE784.477	17/02/2026	
Specific opinion	EMPL	PE784.417	25/02/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE784.487	04/03/2026	
Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A10-0061/2026	18/03/2026	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T10-0102/2026	26/03/2026	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
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Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

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2026/0038(BUD) - 26/03/2026 - Budgetary text adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 575 votes to 48, with 10 abstentions, a resolution on the proposal for a decision 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 /2025/007 BE/Casa.

Parliament approved the proposal for a decision to mobilise the EGF to provide a financial contribution of **EUR 1 916 733** in commitment and payment appropriations to the Union budget for the financial year 2026 in respect of workers' displacements in Casa International NV (retail trade).

This contribution represents 85 % of the total cost of EUR 2 254 980, comprising expenditure for personalised services of EUR 2 168 980 and expenditure for preparatory, management, information and publicity, control and reporting activities of EUR 86 000.

Events leading to the displacements

Belgium submitted application EGF/2025/007 BE/Casa for a financial contribution from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) following **416 displacements** in Casa International NV (retail trade) in the economic sectors classified under the NACE Revision 2 division 47 (Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles) and Division 52 (Warehousing and support activities for transportation) in the region of Province of Antwerp (BE21), Flanders within a reference period from 6 March 2025 to 6 July 2025.

Casa experienced financial difficulties for several years prior to the bankruptcy declaration, stemming from the growing prevalence of e-commerce, heightened international competition and unfair competitive conditions, which ultimately resulted in severe liquidity shortages and the inability to identify potential purchasers for the company.

Beneficiaries

The report stressed that women represent 67.5 % of the workforce concerned in this case. Therefore, support measures under the EGF should take into account the specific needs and barriers faced by those women in re-entering the labour market.

Members called on Belgian authorities to provide specific support tailored to these profiles to help workers overcome their shortcomings and find new jobs, while taking measures to reduce bankruptcies and address social disparities leading to exclusion of the work force.

Personalised services

Members welcomed the fact that the personalised services to be provided to workers include the following measures: info-sessions for guidance on work reintegration; outplacement services to guide workers in their job searching; active mediation focusing on each jobseeker's profile; personalised programmes for skills development, including IT skills; training and retraining; individual training at the workplace; participation at job fair; emphasises the importance of fostering high-quality, future-oriented jobs that strengthen competitiveness and support digital transformation, while ensuring that the EGF is properly implemented and contributes to the Union's long-term economic and social resilience.

The resolution noted that Belgium started incurring administrative expenditure to implement the EGF on 6 March 2025 and that such expenditure shall therefore be eligible for a financial contribution from the EGF from that date until 31 months after the date of the entry into force of the financing decision.

It also highlighted that the Belgian authorities provided assurance that the principles of equality of treatment and non-discrimination will be respected in the access to the proposed actions and their implementation, and that any double financing will be prevented.

Lastly, Parliament reiterated that assistance from the EGF must not replace actions that are the responsibility of companies, by virtue of national law or collective agreements.