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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced
Workers at the initiative of the Commission (EGF/2026/000 TA 2026 - Technical
assistance)**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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 of 28 April 2021 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013¹ (hereinafter called EGF Regulation).

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION

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| Key data: | |
| EGF Reference no. | EGF/2026/000 |
| European Commission | Technical assistance |
| Administrative expenditure: budget in EUR | 210 000 |
| % administrative expenditure (ceiling: 1,5 %) | 0,60 % |

In accordance with Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation, a maximum of 1,5 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be made available each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Technical assistance to be funded and breakdown of its estimated costs

1. The contribution will be used for expenditure mentioned in Article 11(1) and (4) as well as Article 12(2), (3) and (4) of the EGF Regulation, as detailed hereunder. It will be managed by the European Commission under direct management.

| Description | Total expenditure (in EUR) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Administrative expenditure | 120 000 |
| Technical expenditure | 90 000 |
| Total estimated expenditure | 210 000 |

2. Administrative expenditure:
 - The Expert Group of Contact Persons of the EGF, made up of up to two members from each Member State, will hold regular meetings. Based on experiences with virtual meetings, and in line with the Commission's ambitions to lower the environmental footprint of its activities, one virtual meeting and one in-person meeting will be organised in 2026.
 - In order to promote networking among the Member States, the Commission will organise one seminar with the participation of EGF implementing bodies and social partners.

¹ OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/691/oj>.

- Information activities: the EGF's online presence², which the Commission has set up within its Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion area, and which it is maintaining as required under Article 12(2) of the EGF Regulation, will be regularly updated and expanded, with each new element being translated into all EU languages. General awareness of the EGF will be increased and its visibility promoted. The EGF will be covered in various Commission publications and audio-visual activities as provided for in Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation.
- All the activities above will include raising awareness vis-à-vis Member States, social partners and enterprises on the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on 25 February 2026 on a Commission proposal to amend the EGF Regulation³. The amendment to the EGF Regulation was approved by the European Parliament and the Council on 20 May 2026 and it includes in particular the possibility to also provide support to workers affected by imminent redundancy in a company undergoing restructuring. This will better prepare them to complete a career transition in a shorter timeframe, and facilitate their change of role or career.

3. Technical expenditure:

- 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). This allows applications under the EGF Regulation to be simplified, their processing sped up and various reports more easily extracted. The SFC interface is also facilitating the EGF financial operations. This includes in particular:
 - Maintenance of the SFC2014 system for the closure of cases for the EGF 2014-2020.
 - Further development and maintenance of the SFC2021 system for the EGF 2021-2027, including in the light of the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on 25 February 2026 on a Commission proposal to amend the EGF Regulation, and its synchronization with SUMMA, the new corporate accounting, finance, and budgeting system of the European Union.
- 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 website and compiled in appropriate form for future biennial reports.

Financing

4. The maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2026 is EUR 30 million in 2018 prices (EUR 35 149 782 in 2026 prices), as set out in Article 8 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the

² <http://ec.europa.eu/egf>

³ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring, COM(2025) 140 final, 1.4.2025.

multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027⁴ amended by Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/765⁵ and Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/691.

5. Article 11(1) of the EGF Regulation states that 1,5 % of this amount can be made available for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission. Currently, the entire amount for 2026 remains available; nothing has yet been allocated to technical assistance. The proposed amount corresponds to 0,60 % of the maximum annual budget available for the EGF in 2026.
6. The proposed decision to mobilise the EGF will be taken jointly by the European Parliament and the Council, as laid down in Article 15(1), first subparagraph, of the EGF Regulation and in point 9 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁶.

Related acts

7. At the same time as it presents this proposal for a decision to mobilise the EGF, the Commission will present a proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council for a transfer of the amount of EUR 210 000 to the relevant budgetary line.

Source of payment appropriations

8. Appropriations from the EGF budget line will be used to cover the amount of EUR 210 000 needed for technical assistance.

⁴ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11.

⁵ OJ L 2024/765, 29.2.2024, p 4, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/765/oj>.

⁶ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/691 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013⁷, and in particular Article 15(1), first subparagraph, thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁸, and in particular point 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) 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.
- (2) The EGF is not to exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 30 million (in 2018 prices), as laid down in Article 8 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093⁹ and Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/691.
- (3) Regulation (EU) 2021/691 provides that a maximum of 1,5 % of the annual maximum amount of the EGF may be used each year for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.
- (4) That assistance is necessary to fulfill obligations related to the implementation of the EGF as provided for by Article 11 of the Regulation (EU) 2021/691, in particular concerning monitoring and data gathering as well as communication activities and those enhancing the EGF's visibility.

⁷ OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 48, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/691/oj>.

⁸ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2020/1222/oj.

⁹ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2093/oj>).

- (5) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution of EUR 210 000 for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2026, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 210 000 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President