

## Comunidad Valenciana – Building materials



<b>Reference</b>	EGF/2013/004
<b>Member State</b>	Spain
<b>Sector</b>	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
<b>Submitted to European Commission</b>	22.5.2013
<b>Total budget planned</b>	€1 680 000
<b>EGF contribution</b>	€840 000
<b>Intervention criterion</b>	Article 2(b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
<b>Period of reference</b>	14 June 2012 – 14 March 2013
<b>Redundancies during period of reference</b>	630 redundancies in 141 small and medium-sized enterprises
<b>Active employment measures</b>	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- profiling, occupational guidance and counselling,</li> <li>- job-search support,</li> <li>- various types of training courses,</li> <li>- entrepreneurship support and entrepreneurship incentives,</li> <li>- job-search incentive,</li> <li>- contribution to commuting expenses.</li> </ul>

### BACKGROUND

- In 2001 China was the largest producer of other non-metallic mineral products (661 million tonnes) at worldwide level and the EU the second largest (329 million tonnes). Over the period 2001-2011 Chinese production increased by 312 %, whereas EU production fell by 12 %.
- The decline in the production of other non-metallic mineral products in the EU has been accompanied by a loss of market share this fell from 22,3 % in 2001 to 9,48 % in 2011.
- Imports of other non-metallic mineral products from non-EU countries tripled over the period 2001. In 2012, 85 % of all imports of other non-metallic mineral products worldwide were imports into the EU.
- The manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products in Spain followed the same negative trend as that in the EU. However, the decline in production in Spain was further exacerbated since 2008.
- The territory concerned by the redundancies is the Spanish region of Comunidad Valenciana.
- The employment situation in the affected area seems particularly fragile since the region has also been affected by five further mass redundancy cases, for which EGF applications were submitted to the Commission.