

Computer programming (Finland)



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Member State	Finland
Sector	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
Submitted to European Commission	12.6.2015
Total budget planned	4 372 000
EGF contribution	2 623 200
Intervention criterion	Article 4(1)(b)
Period of reference	30.7.2014-30.4.2015
Redundancies during period of reference	1603
Active employment measures	To be provided for 1200 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaching measures - Employment and business services - Training and start-up grants - Steering towards entrepreneurship

BACKGROUND

- Between 2008 and 2014, employment in the technology industry in Finland dropped from 326 000 to 276 000. The drop in 2014 alone was by 3 %.
- Following major lay-offs from Nokia in the last couple of years (which led to two EGF applications), the Finnish ICT sector is experiencing considerable difficulties to compete in the global market.
- The Finnish software industry is aiming at investing in new type of services, but global competition by providers from lower-cost countries is significant and a growing number of enterprises have been closing down.
- There are 1603 workers made redundant in 69 enterprises in the sector. Many of them are over 50 or have very specialised knowledge. They resided in various parts of Finland (except the island of Åland), with the most affected regions being Northern Ostrobothnia (particularly the Oulu area) and Helsinki-Uusimaa.
- These redundancies occurred in areas already heavily affected by unemployment in the IT technologies and with unemployment rates higher than the national average.
- The application provides for a number of tailor-made measures to serve the specific needs of the redundant workers, to develop existing or create new skills and to promote entrepreneurship.