

23rd meeting of the Contact Persons of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)

Athens
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1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda

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2. Update on EGF since the last Contact Persons Meeting

- 1) Final reports
- 2) Recoveries
- 3) Closures
- 4) Application received
- 5) Application planned (tour de table)



2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.1 Final reports

> 2 final reports received: 2016 cases

No	Case Number	MS	Case Title	Final Report deadline	EGF Contribution Granted
1.	EGF/2016/003	EE	Petroleum and chemicals	1/1/2019	1,131,358
2.	EGF/2016/005	NL	Drenthe Overijssel Retail	2/22/2019	1,818,750
		Total	EGF amount paid		3,806,908



2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.2 Recoveries

> 6 debit notes sent - 2015 & 2016 cases

No	Case number	MS	Case title	ESF granted	Recovered	Recovery rate %
1	EGF/2015/003	BE	Ford Genk	6,268,564.00	2,757,085.10	43.98%
2	EGF/2015/009	SE	Volvo Trucks	1,793,710.00	673,585.60	37.55%
3	EGF/2015/010	FR	MoryGlobal	5,146,800.00	1,053,640.35	20.47%
4	EGF/2015/011	GR	Supermarket Larissa	6,468,000.00	4,422,060.66	68.37%
5	EGF/2016/001	FI	Microsoft	5,364,000.00	804,138.96	14.99%
6	EGF/2016/002	SE	Ericsson	3,957,918.00	3,023,979.00	76.40%
		TC	OTAL	28,998,992	12,734,490	43.91%



2.3 Closures

> 7 cases wound up -2014, 2015 & 2016 cases

No	Case number	MS	Case title
1	EGF/2014/013	GR	Odyssefs Fokas
2	EGF/2015/003	BE	Ford Genk
3	EGF/2015/007	BE	Hainaut-Namur Glass
4	EGF/2015/009	SE	Volvo Trucks
5	EGF/2015/011	GR	Supermarket Larissa
6	EGF/2015/012	BE	Hainaut Machinery
7	EGF/2016/001	FI	Microsoft



2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.4 Applications received

- Adopted by the Budgetary Authority and paid:
 - EGF/2018/002 PT/Norte Centro Lisboa Wearing Apparel October 2018
 - EGF/2018/03 EL/Attica Publishing Activities December 2018



2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.5 Applications planned

Tour de table:

Dear participants, it is your turn.

Please indicate which applications are in preparation or in consideration by you.





3. Biennial Report on the activities of the EGF in 2017-2018

- Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 report to be presented to the EP and the Council every two years
- Focus on:
- Applications submitted
- Decisions adopted
- > Actions funded
- ➤ Winding-up of financial contributions made



14/07/2017

1/02/2017

13/04/2017

9/05/2017

12/06/2017

19/07/2017

9/08/2017

6/10/2017

23/10/2017

18/12/2017

23/02/2018

24/04/2018

22/05/2018

4(2)

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4(1)(b)

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4(1)(b)

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4(1)(b)

4(1)(a)=6

4(1)(b)=4

4(2)=3

contribution Total EGF

1.002.264

3.520.080

2.949.150

3.347.370

2.499.360

720,000

2.130.400

2.165.231

9.894.483

4.621.616

1.192.500

4.655.883

2.308.500

41.006.837

3.154.372

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Total

Average for

13

applications

668.176

2.346.720

1.966.100

2.231.580

1.666.240

480.000

1.420.267

1.443.488

6.596.322

3.081.078

795.000

3.103.922

1.539,000

27.337.892

2.102.915

Applications received

	Applications received in 2017 and 2018							
EGF Reference	Vember State	Case	Sector NACE Rev. 2 division)	Date of application	Art. 4. Intervention criteria	Frade / Crisis	National contribution (in €)	

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Programming (62)

Retail trade (47)

Activities of call centres (82)

Retail trade (47)

Wearing apparel (14)

Manufacture of computer.

electronic and optical

products (26) Manufacture of rubber and

plastic products (22)

Air transport (51)

Machinery and Equipment (28)

Financial service activities (64)

Wearing apparel (14)

Publishing (58)

Sec (NACE divis Membe ES Castilla y León Coal Mining Mining of coal and lignite (5) EGF/2017/001

Microsoft

Attica Retail

Almaviva

Retail

Galicia Wearing Apparel

Ericsson

Goodyear

Air France

Caterpillar

Financial Service Activities

Norte Centro Lisboa

Wearing Apparel

Attica Publishing Activities

Total No. of applications received in 2017 and 2018: 13

(13 adopted)

 \mathbf{FI}

 \mathbf{EL}

IT

 \mathbf{FI}

ES

SE

DE

FR

BE

NL

PT

 \mathbf{EL}

EGF/2017/002

EGF/2017/003

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EGF/2017/007

EGF/2017/008

EGF/2017/009

EGF/2017/010

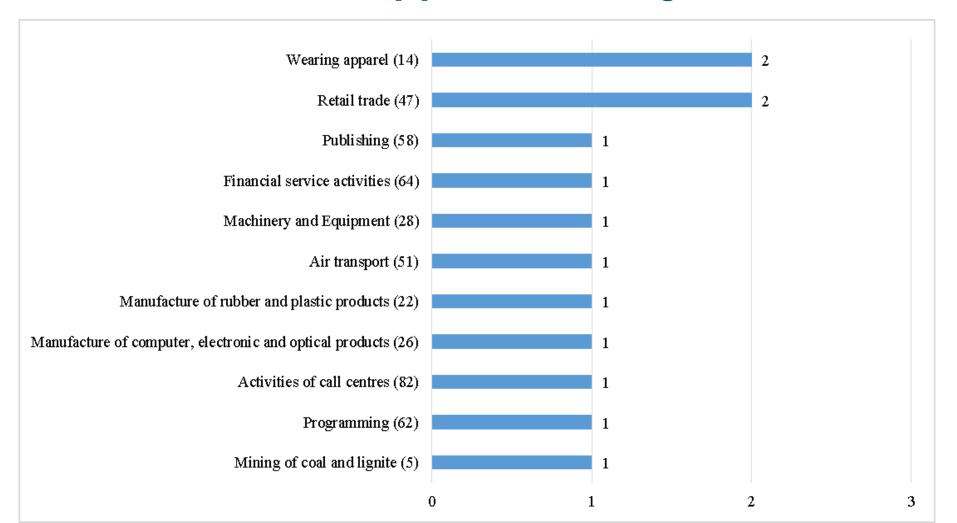
EGF/2018/001

EGF/2018/002

EGF/2018/003



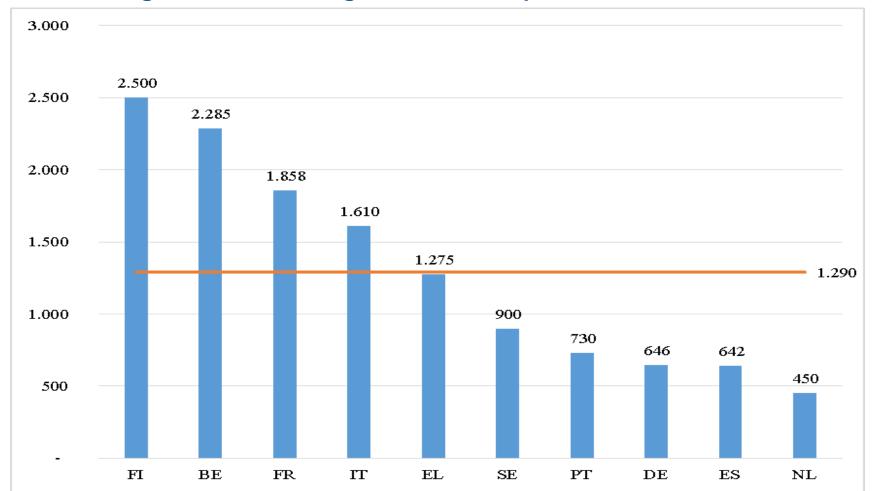
Number of applications by sector





Number of targeted workers per MS

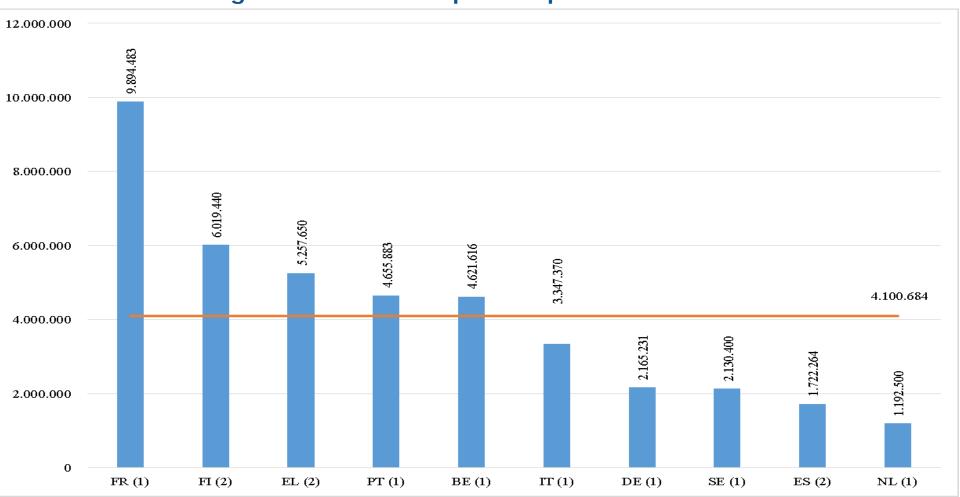
Total number of targeted workers per MS: 12 896
Average number of targeted workers per MS: 1 290





Total EGF amounts requested per MS

Total EGF amount requested by 10 MS: 41 006 837 € Average EGF amount requested per MS: 4 100 684 €





Contributions granted in 2017 and 2018

EGF Ref.	Case	Member State	Date of signature by BA	Contribution granted (in €, manual entry) (as to Financing Decision)	People targeted (including NEETS)	Number of targeted NEETs
EGF/2016/005	Drenthe Overijssel Retail	NL	15/03/2017	1.818.750	800	0
EGF/2016/008	Nokia Network Systems	FI	17/05/2017	2.641.800	821	0
EGF/2017/001	Castilla y León mining of coal	ES	14/07/2017	1.002.264	464	125
EGF/2017/002	Microsoft	FI	13/09/2017	3.520.080	1.000	0
EGF/2017/003	Attica retail	EL	12/12/2017	2.949.150	725	0
EGF/2017/004	Almaviva	IT	15/11/2017	3.347.370	1.610	0
EGF/2017/005	Retail	FI	12/12/2017	2.499.360	1.500	0
EGF/2017/006	Galicia wearing apparel	ES	14/03/2018	720.000	303	0
EGF/2017/007	Ericsson	SE	14/03/2018	2.130.400	900	0
EGF/2017/008	Goodyear	DE	14/03/2018	2.165.231	646	0
EGF/2017/009	Air France	FR	4/07/2018	9.894.483	1.858	0
EGF/2017/010	Caterpillar	BE	30/05/2018	4.621.616	2.585	300
EGF/2018/001	Financial service activities	NL	2/10/2018	1.192.500	450	0
EGF/2018/002	Norte Centro Lisboa wearing apparel	PT	23/10/2018	4.655.883	1.460	730
EGF/2018/003	Attica Publishing Activities	EL	22/05/2018	2.308.500	550	0
Total	15 cases	10 MS	2017: 7 2018: 8	45.467.387	15.672	1.155



Contributions granted in 2017 and 2018

570

608

328

740

408

334

355

50

600

641

974

2.113

183

83

320

8,307

71%

74%

97%

74%

56%

21%

24%

17%

67%

99%

52%

92%

41%

11%

58%

14.517

230

213

11

260

317

1,276

1.145

253

300

5

884

172

267

647

230

6,210

492

0

0

0

103

2

15

0

38

12

3

674

29%

26%

3%

26%

44%

79%

76%

83%

33%

1%

48%

8%

59%

89%

42%

43%

62%

1%

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0%

0%

7%

1%

0%

2%

0%

0%

8%

2%

1%

5%

243

644

332

950

107

1,375

1,129

230

622

461

661

2.020

291

568

466

10,099

30%

78%

98%

95%

15%

85%

75%

76%

69%

71%

36%

88%

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85%

14.517

64

167

7

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438

223

263

71

272

168

1,196

263

104

150

80

3,516

8%

20%

2%

5%

60%

14%

18%

23%

30%

26%

64%

12%

23%

21%

15%

24%

Age >64 targeted

0%

25%

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0%

0%

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180

12

5

0 0%

5 1%

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0

17

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1

228 2%

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EGF reference	Member State	Case	Number of workers dismissed	Number of workers targeted	% of the workers targeted (of all the workers dismissed)	Men targeted	Women targeted	Age 15-24 targeted	Age 25-54 targeted	Age 55-64 targeted

73%

87%

100%

80%

100%

98%

90%

100%

38%

100%

100%

100%

34%

63%

100%

80%

800

821

339

1,000

725

1,610

1,500

303

900

646

1,858

2.285

450

730

550

14,517

1,096

945

339

1,248

725

1,646

1,660

303

2,388

646

1,858

2.285

1,324

1,161

550

18,174

NL

FI

ES

FI

EL

IT

FI

ES

SE

DE

FR

BE

NL

PT

EL

Total No. of decisions and payments made in 2017 and 2018: 15

Drenthe Overijssel Retail

Nokia Network Systems

Castilla y León Coal Mining

Microsoft

Attica Retail

Almaviva

Retail

Galicia Wearing Apparel

Ericsson

Goodyear

Air France

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EGF/2016/005

EGF/2016/008

EGF/2017/001

EGF/2017/002

EGF/2017/003

EGF/2017/004

EGF/2017/005

EGF/2017/006

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EGF/2017/010

EGF/2018/001

EGF/2018/002

EGF/2018/003



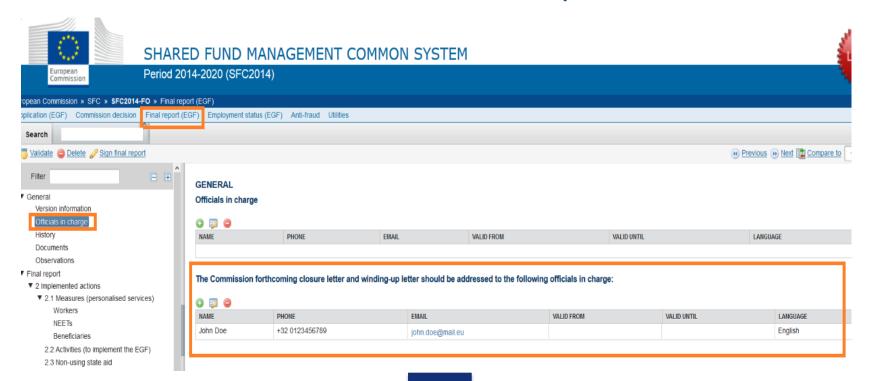
Results achieved at the end of the EGF implementing period

23 Final Reports from 8 MS					
Workers dismissed	29,401				
Workers targeted	23,970				
Workers assisted (% of workers targeted)	21,244 (89%)				
Workers reintegrated (% of workers assisted)	12,723 (60%)				
Workers in education/training (% of workers assisted)	419 (2%)				
Workers unemployed or inactive (% of workers assisted)	7,411 (35%)				
Workers status N/A (% of workers assisted)	691 (3%)				
NEETs targeted	2,301				
NEETs assisted (% of NEETs targeted)	1,786 (78%)				
NEETs employed (% of NEETs assisted)	288 (16%)				
NEETs in education/training (% of NEETs assisted)	11 (1%)				
NEETs unemployed or inactive (% of NEETs assisted)	1393 (78%)				
NEETs status N/A (% of NEETs assisted)	94 (5%)				



4. SFC2014 developments and Member States feedbacks

New section in the EGF Final Report module





5. Ex-post evaluation

- Art. 20(1) b) of EGF Regulation
- Planned to start in 2019
 - Preparation (ToR, internal consultations) Q2
 - Launch call for tender Q4
 - Award & sign the contract end December
- Contractor study by end 2020
- Commission staff working document by 31/12/2021



6. EC audit findings

- On-the-spot checks on EGF applications carried out by the EC services (DG EMPL, G.1 Unit)
- Legal base:
 Article 21(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013



Recurrent findings identified during the audit visit

Management and control findings.

Deficiencies regarding the functioning of the managing authority, the certifying authority and the audit authority

• Financial findings.



Verify the correctness of the minimum number of redundancies within the reference period

- → At least 500 redundancies within the reference period is a "condition sine qua non" for the mobilisation of the Fund.
 - ✓ Check that this condition is complied with and
 - ✓ Keep track of your checks.
- → The number of redundant workers indicated at application stage changes reflect this change in the final report.



Control arrangements applied by the Audit Authority

- → Lack of system audit on the Management and Control System in place.
- → Lack of second level control checks on the expenditure.



Insufficient information to the assisted workers on the EGF co-financed measures.

EGF Regulation 2014-2020. Art. 12:

- The applicant Member State shall provide information on and publicise the funded actions.
- Such information shall be addressed to the targeted beneficiaries, local and regional authorities, social partners, the media and the general public.
- Such information shall highlight the role of the Union and ensure that the contribution from the EGF is visible.



Checks by the Audit Authority and audit opinion done later than the deadline for final report.

- EGF Regulation 2007-2013 did not set a deadline for AA checks, but EGF Regulation 2014-2020 does →Art. 21(2).
- Art. 21(2) sets a deadline for the checks by the AA and its audit opinion, in its reference to Art. 59(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- Deadline for AA checks and audit opinion = dl final report



Art. 7(1)(b) measures have to be linked to the participation in Art. 7(1)(a)/(c) measures

→ A clear audit trail of the link between these two type of measures is needed.



Amounts erroneously declared twice

→ Since human mistakes happen, program your systems in a way it will not allow any double registration of financial data.



Technical Assistance going beyond what is reasonable

→ Low absorption rates triggers high percentages of TA.
Keep an eye on the spirit of FAQ 7.4,
avoid two digits percentages of TA in the final report



Increase for one or more lines in the budget exceeding 20%

→ Possible, if you let us know beforehand.



7. Data protection - Legal Framework

- ☐ General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679
 - > Applicable from 25/05/2018
 - ➤ MS public administrations, online shopping, travel booking, doctor visits, banks etc.
- □ Regulation (EU)2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001
 - ➤ Applicable from 11/12/2018
 - ➤ Published Official Journal L295, 21/11/2018, p. 39



"Personal data" - ANY information relating to an:

IDENTIFIED natural person



Information that directly refers to you:
name, surname, address, tel. number, e-mail address etc.

OR

IDENTIFIABLE natural person



Information that could be used to determinate your identity: photos, cookies, IP address etc.





EU institutions obligations to respect the principles of data processing

- Key players: Data Subject Data Collector Data Processor Data Controller European Data Protection Supervisor
- > Data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- ➤ Data minimalisation data limited to necessary
- Accuracy of data and kept up to date
- ➤ Storage limitation
- Integrity and confidentiality
- Consent (Art.7)-clear affirmative action is required to express the consent, silence or inactive is not valid
 - Meetings, events, workshops etc. (contractors = Data Processors)
 - Consultations, surveys, questionnaires (contractors = Data Processors)
 - Publications and the personal data on the EGF website "How to apply"



It's time to sign your authorisation form





10:50 - 11:20





8. Commission's role in the ordinary legislative procedure



Legislative procedure after Lisbon

1. Ordinary Legislative Procedure (OLP)

>90% of all legislation

2. Special Legislative Procedure

- Annual budgetary procedure
- EP Regulations on its own initiative
- Council Acts (with consultation of Parliament OR consent of Parliament, where Council may act by QMW)



The ordinary legislative procedure (codecision)

In a nutshell...

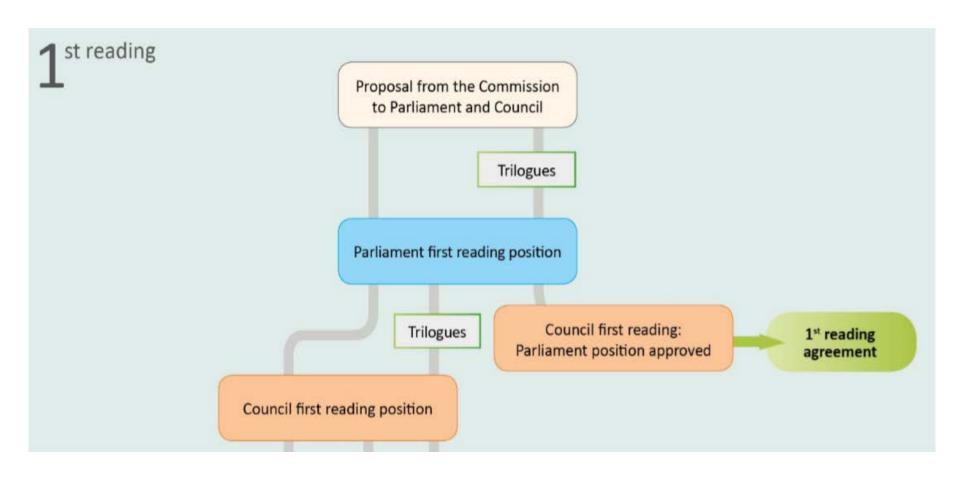
- Parliament and Council must agree
- 3 possible moments to reach agreement (2009-2014):
 - □ First reading 86%
 - □ Second reading 12%

(including early second reading – 8%)

- □ Conciliation and third reading 2%
- Method of negotiations in all cases:
 - informal tripartite meetings ("trilogues")

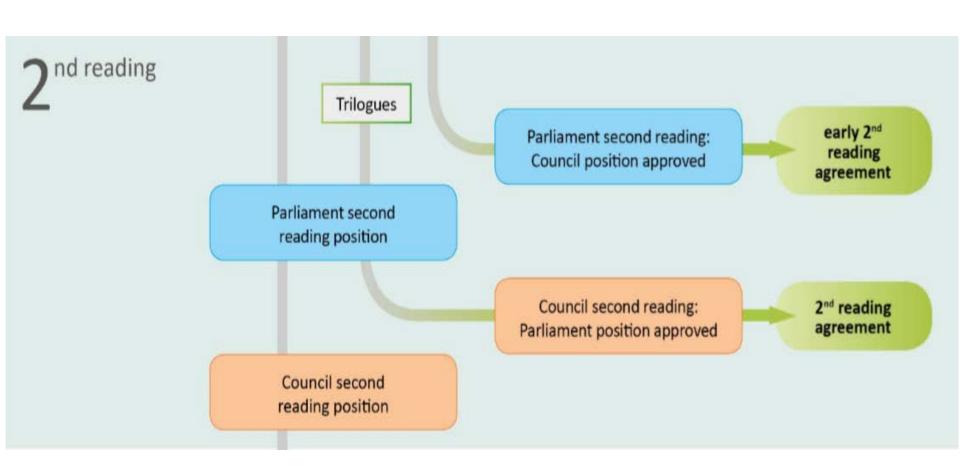


First reading





Second reading





Conciliation and third reading

3^{rd reading}

Conciliation Committee is convened to reach agreement

Trilogues

Agreement reached in Conciliation Committee

Parliament third reading: joint text approved

Council third reading: joint text approved

3rd reading agreement



Differences between 1st/2nd reading and conciliation with 3rd reading

First and second reading

Conciliation and third reading

Responsibility

Parliamentary committee/-s

EP Delegation/ Vice-President EP

Time limits

1st reading: No time limits

2nd reading: 4 months (max.) for the EP and another 4 months (max.)

for the Council

Max. 3 x 6-8 weeks, of which 6-8 weeks devoted to conciliation

Amendments

YES - tabled to committees and

plenary

NO - approval or rejection of the joint text as a whole

Majority

1st reading: Simple majority

2nd reading: Absolute majority (at

least 376 votes)

EP approval of joint text by simple majority in a single vote



Commission's role in OLP

- Initiative
- Key role in securing early adoption
 - participation in Council and EP work
 - expertise
 - mediator
- Preparation of execution / implementation
- Guardian of the Treaty



Commission's role: Internal decision making

- GRI Inter Institutional Relations Group
 - ✓ Collegiality and collective decision making
 - ✓ Information and early warning
 - ✓ Prepare endorsement of approach
 - ✓ Prepare empowerment of Commissioner responsible

→ GRI Fiche

- State of play in the negotiations
- Collegiality empowerment to allow a change of Commission position



The three mandate preparing bodies

Council Parliament Commission

COREPER Committee GRI



Interinstitutional negotiations: trilogues Any meeting between the 3 institutions:

EP: Rappoteur, Shadows, possibly Chair of Committee, Committee Secretariat

Council: Char of WG, SG, possibly Chair of Coreper

<u>Commission</u>: DG (HoU, Desks; possibly Director), possibly Commissioner, SG

(+Legal Service of each institution as required)







State of play EGF post-2020

EP: 1st reading position adopted on 16/01/2019

Council: Partial General Approach
→ EPSCO meeting on 15/03/2019

Next step: early second reading - Autumn 2019



9. EGF post 2020

MFF legislative proposal

EGF legislative proposal



MFF Regulation

Council

considers several possible scenarios for the EGF:

- to discontinue the EGF
- to continue the EGF inside MFF (as stand-alone fund)
- to continue the EGF outside MFF (as stand-alone fund)

European Parliament

supports the continuity of all special instruments, as separate stand-alone instruments



Amounts for the EGF

European Parliament

supports annual ceiling of EUR 200 million for the EGF (however, no annual adjustments)

EESC

asks COM to raise amounts to EUR 1 billion should the need arise

CoR

proposes to raise annual maximum amount to EUR 500 million p.a.



Article 1 - future name of fund

European Parliament

• European Fund for Transition (EFT)

EESC

 European Globalisation and Adjustment Fund (EGF) or another name that would ensure that the "EGF" accronym could be kept while acknowledging the broadened scope

CoR

European Transition Support Fund (ETSF)



Article 1 - duration of Regulation

- Council proposes to limit duration to the MFF duration
- European Parliament backs Commission proposal (no time limit)



Article 3 - Objectives

- Specific objective to reintegrate displaced workers into sustainable employment backed by EP and Council
- EP and Council propose to add *Brexit/change in EU-membership* to the list of examples of possible causes



Article 5 - Intervention criteria

- EP proposes lower threshold of 200 dismissals over an extended reference period of 6(a),9(b), or 9(c) months
- Council editorial suggestion "at least" 250
- CoR proposes to apply a lower threshold of 150 dismissals (and calls for a longer reference period, which should be the same for all possibilities (a), (b), or (c))



Article 7 - Eligible beneficiaries

 European Parliament proposes to keep NEETs clause post-2020 [CoR warns the acronym NEET would be derogatory]



Article 8 - eligible measures

- EP endorses **mandatory** dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age and proposes the same for skills required in a resource-efficient economy
- Council proposes a strong recommendation as regards the dissemination of digital skills
- CoR proposes the inclusion of anticipatory measures
- EP proposes to exclude measures for which the MS are responsible by virtue of national law or collective agreement



Article 14 – co-financing rate

- Council proposes to ensure that no Member State is worse off than in the current period, by introducing a 60%-minimum clause for co-financing (highest ESF+ rate, but minimum 60%)
- EP did not propose a different co-financing rate



Article 16 – mobilisation procedure

- EP in favour of keeping current mobilisation procedure, involving EC proposals, and a full budgetary procedure for each case
- Council backs Commission proposal of streamlined mobilisation procedure



indicators/reporting

- EP strongly backs Commission proposal and calls for a more detailed output indicator (also taking into account years of professional experience)
- Council proposes deletion of indicative targets at application stage, the deletion of the long-term result indicator, the deletion of the beneficiary survey, and suggests a narrower result indicator



10. Communication updates



Social Europe: European Pillar of Social Rights

General communication materials in all languages

- Leaflets (Social scoreboard 2018)
- Posters (Europe stands for equal opportunities, for social protection and inclusion, for fair working conditions)
- PP Presentations (On the 20 principles)
- Links to the Publications Office portal



Social Europe: European Pillar of Social Rights

Materials to be used in social media

- Visuals (some of them editable)
- GIFs
- Tool-kit (with useful tips and addresses)
- Less than <u>1</u> minute videos



Social Europe: European Pillar of Social Rights

General information and latest news (web page)

<u>Delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights</u> (web page with information about what the EC is doing to implement the 20 principles)



Social Europe: European Pillar of Social Rights

Contact EMPL-SOCIAL-RIGHTS@ec.europa.eu,

for queries about how to use these materials



EU protects: DG COMM Corporate communication campaign.

- ✓ Target 35+ ambivalent
- ✓ Message: EU is protecting its citizens from risks such as: natural catastrophes, cyberattacks, terrorism, economic slowdowns, trafficking, food safety etc.
- ✓ Concept based on the idea of "chains of heroes": people that at different levels (local, national, European) through their work make sure that this high level of protection in the EU is accessible to all citizens.



EU protects

- ✓ DG EMPL will have two stories:
 - fighting poverty and extreme deprivation (examples from FEAD)
 - 2. helping counteract the negative effects of globalization (examples from EGF).
 - Coming from Greece: Supermarket Larissa Coming from Estonia: petroleum and chemicals.
- ✓ Stories will be online in May.



EU protects

- ✓ Examples of videos already in YouTube:
 - How the EU connected experts to treat epilepsy
 - How the EU is combatting radicalization
 - How Europe came together to fight forest fires
 - How Europe shattered a human trafficking ring
- ✓ Examples of animated visual stories:
 - How the EU is helping to break the cycle of poverty



10.2 Member State communication activities



11. Forthcoming EGF related events

- Next EGF Contact Persons meeting and Networking Seminar, October 2019
- Update on EGF related events planned in the Member States



12. Any other business

THANK YOU!

www.ec.europa.eu/egf



Networking lunch till 14:00