

KLM – The Netherlands



Reference	EGF/2020/004 NL/KLM
Member State	The Netherlands
Sector	Air Transport
Submitted to European Commission	22 December 2020
Total budget planned	EUR 8 365 364
EGF contribution	EUR 5 019 218
Intervention criterion	Article 4(1)(a) of the EGF Regulation
Period of reference	15 August 2020–15 December 2020
Redundancies during period of reference	650
Active employment measures	<p>To be provided for 1201 workers and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional orientation - Support to find work in dedicated sectors - Training, coaching and/or education measures - Financial advice service

BACKGROUND

- The Netherlands applied for support from the EGF following redundancies in KLM Royal Dutch Airlines resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The pandemic has had a significant impact on the aviation industry due to travel restrictions and a steep decline in passenger air transport. The drop in passenger numbers massively reduced the revenues of airlines and forced many of them to lay off employees or declare insolvency.
- In April 2020, international passenger traffic dropped by 98,9% compared to April 2019 and 64% of global aircraft was put into storage, representing the largest contraction in aviation history.
- In mid-March 2020, KLM operations have largely come to a standstill while their operating costs have remained at the same level.
- In order to reduce costs, KLM management announced restructuring plan, which led to the workforce being reduced by around 5 000 full-time equivalents.
- Greater Amsterdam (a sub-region of the Noord-Holland Province) is among the regions most affected by redundancies. The proposed EUR 5 019 218 from EGF will help former workers of KLM to find new jobs through customised job-search guidance and support, education or training.