



27th meeting of the Contact Persons of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)

Online videoconference
14 June 2022



1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda

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1. Agenda

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2. Update on EGF since the last Contact Persons Meeting

- 1) Final reports and closures
- 2) Recoveries
- 3) Applications received
- 4) Applications planned (tour de table)

2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.1 Final reports and closures

Final reports received between 18 November 2021 and 14 June 2022

No	Case number	MS	Case title	Final Report deadline	EGF Contribution granted

No FR were received during this period!

2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.1 Final reports and closures

Closures between 18 November 2021 and 14 June 2022

No	Case number	MS	Case Title
1	EGF/2016/003	EE	Petroleum and chemicals
2	EGF/2017/001	ES	Castilla y León mining of coal
3	EGF/2017/008	DE	Goodyear
4	EGF/2017/009	FR	Air France

2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.2 Recoveries - between November 2021 and June 2022

No	Case number	MS	Case title	EGF amount granted	Recovered	Recovery rate
1	EGF/2018/003	EL	Attica Publishing	2.308.500	1.404.366,83	63 %
			TOTAL:	2.308.500	1.404.366,83	63 %

2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.3 Applications received

EGF reference	MS	Case title	Sector in short denomination	Date of application	Reason	EGF contribution (in Euro) requested	Number of targeted workers	EC adoption
EGF/2021/008	EL	Attica electrical equipment manufacturing	Electrical equipment manufacturing	21 December 2021	Trade	1.495.830	206	7 June 2022 (*adopted earlier on 30 May)
EGF/2022/001	FR	Air France	Air transport & Aircraft maintenance	21 January 2022	Crisis (COVID-19)	17.742.607	1.580	10 May 2022



2. Update on EGF since the last CPM

2.4 Applications planned and feedback from implementation of EGF cases during Covid pandemic

Tour de table

3. EGF advisory committee

- Designations to the Committee received from all but two Member States
- Committee's role is to give opinion on the draft implementing acts which the Commission intends to adopt
- > Meeting to take place when first draft implementing act ready (also to adopt the RoPs)

3. EGF advisory committee

- 2021-2027 EGF Regulation requires the Commission to adopt two implementing acts:
- Art 22(6): "...the Commission shall adopt an implementing act setting out when and how a **beneficiary survey** is to be conducted and the template to be used."
- Art 23(7): "... the Commission shall adopt an implementing act setting out the format to be used for **reporting of irregularities.**"
- Both implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure -> **Comitology**

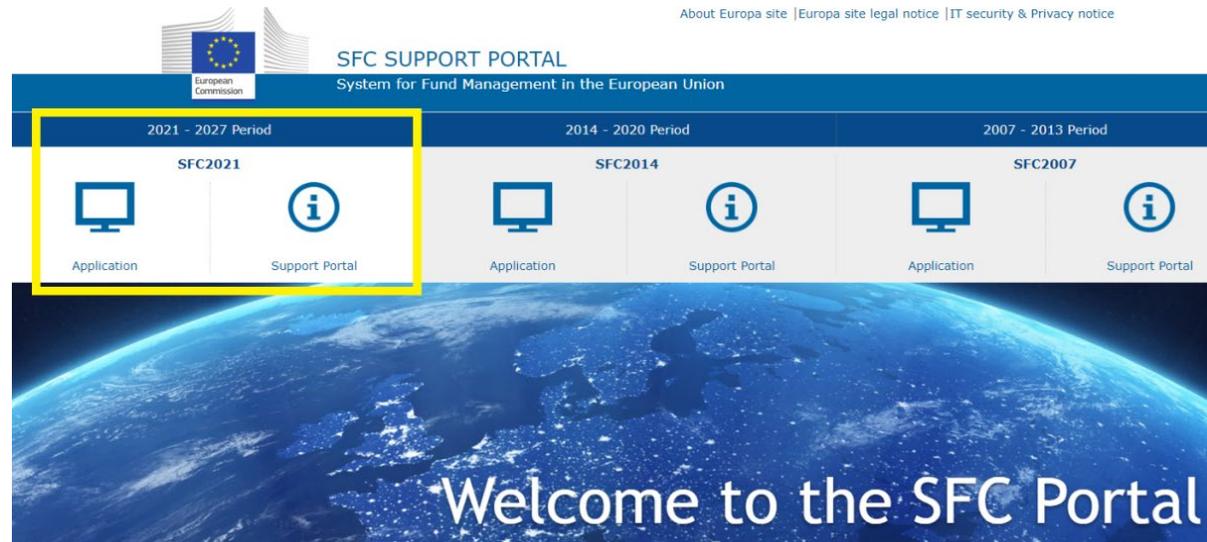
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Process for adopting implementing act:

1. Commission interservice consultation – 2 weeks
2. Publication for feedback – 4 weeks
3. Opinion of the committee (by vote, if necessary)
4. Adoption by the Commission through written procedure

4. SFC 2021 – updates

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SFC SUPPORT PORTAL
System for Fund Management in the European Union

2021 - 2027 Period	2014 - 2020 Period	2007 - 2013 Period
SFC2021	SFC2014	SFC2007
 Application	 Application	 Application
 Support Portal	 Support Portal	 Support Portal

Welcome to the SFC Portal

NEW!

- Applied validation rules for EGF applications
- Notification of the adoption and applicable deadlines for the EGF cases

4. SFC 2021 – updates

• Applied validation rules for EGF applications



The application **can be validated at any time**, when the current version is in status OPEN.

The User can edit and revalidate as many times as necessary before sending.



An **ERROR will block** from sending the application. The error(s) should be resolved and the application must be revalidated.



Once the validation errors have been removed and **the status is VALIDATED** the application can be prepared for sending to the Commission.



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4. SFC 2021 – updates

• Applied validation rules

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Version information

CCI	Version	Last modified	Current node
2021IT05EGFA001	1.0	18/03/2022, 16:52	European Commission

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Measures eligible from	Measures eligible to
04/11/2020	17/12/2023
Measure of category A8* eligible from	Measure of category A8* eligi
04/11/2020	17/07/2024

DECISION INFO

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002	ERROR	Validate that for version 1.0, either the document types 'PRG.LEF' and 'PRG.BAI' or 'PRG.LBV' were sent in the system. For consecutive versions, it is not mandatory to sent these documents.
003	WARNING	Validate that at least one official in charge of the member state exists.

Legend: All results (3), Passed (2), Warning (1), Error (0)

4. SFC 2021 – updates

- Notification of the adoption and applicable deadlines for the EGF cases

Event: Notification of adoption and applicable deadlines

EGF Title: egf 1.13

CCI: 2021ES05EGFA050

Version: 1.0

Measures eligible from: Jun 11, 2021 to Nov 25, 2023

Activities eligible from: Jun 11, 2021 to Jun 25, 2024

Date of entry into force of the decision C(2019)50255: Nov 25, 2021

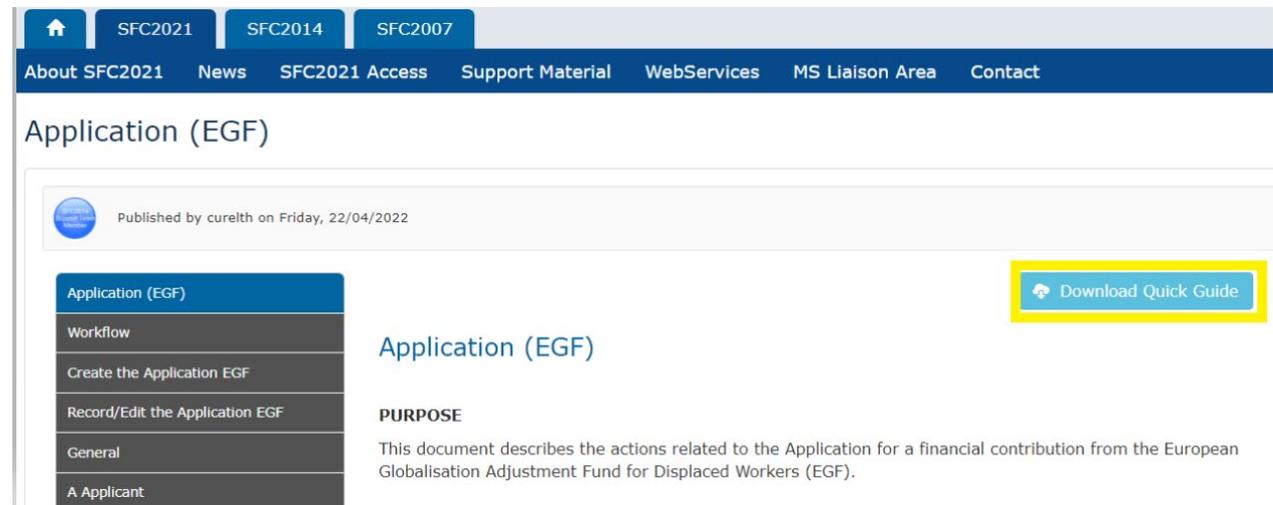
Date when the final report is due: Jun 25, 2024

To review this application version click [here](#).

4. SFC 2021 – updates

- SFC2021 further developments (Final Report module)

The user guide is available [here.](#)



The screenshot shows the SFC2021 user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for SFC2021, SFC2014, and SFC2007. Below this is a dark blue menu with links for 'About SFC2021', 'News', 'SFC2021 Access', 'Support Material', 'WebServices', 'MS Liaison Area', and 'Contact'. The main heading is 'Application (EGF)'. Below the heading, there is a section for 'Published by curelth on Friday, 22/04/2022'. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of items: 'Application (EGF)', 'Workflow', 'Create the Application EGF', 'Record/Edit the Application EGF', 'General', and 'A Applicant'. A yellow box highlights a 'Download Quick Guide' button in the top right corner of the main content area. The main content area also features a 'PURPOSE' section with the text: 'This document describes the actions related to the Application for a financial contribution from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF).'



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15:20 – 15:35





5. Presentation - Impact of the pandemic on the labour market

by John Hurley, EUROFOUND

Presentation

- How did COVID impact sectoral / occupational employment?
- Key elements of the policy response
- How has the labour market recovered?
- Changes post-COVID – (how much) more remote working?

Report published March 2021

RESEARCH REPORT



Employment and labour markets
**COVID-19: Implications for
employment and working life**



- Labour market policy response to COVID
- Empirical: first analysis of employment impacts based on LFS quarterly data

Labour market impact of COVID

- **Peak impact, 2020Q2:**
 - over 5 million fewer people in employment in 2020Q2, EU-27 but working hour reductions even bigger – short time working and temporary lay-off
 - Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of headcount decline accounted for by temporary workers.

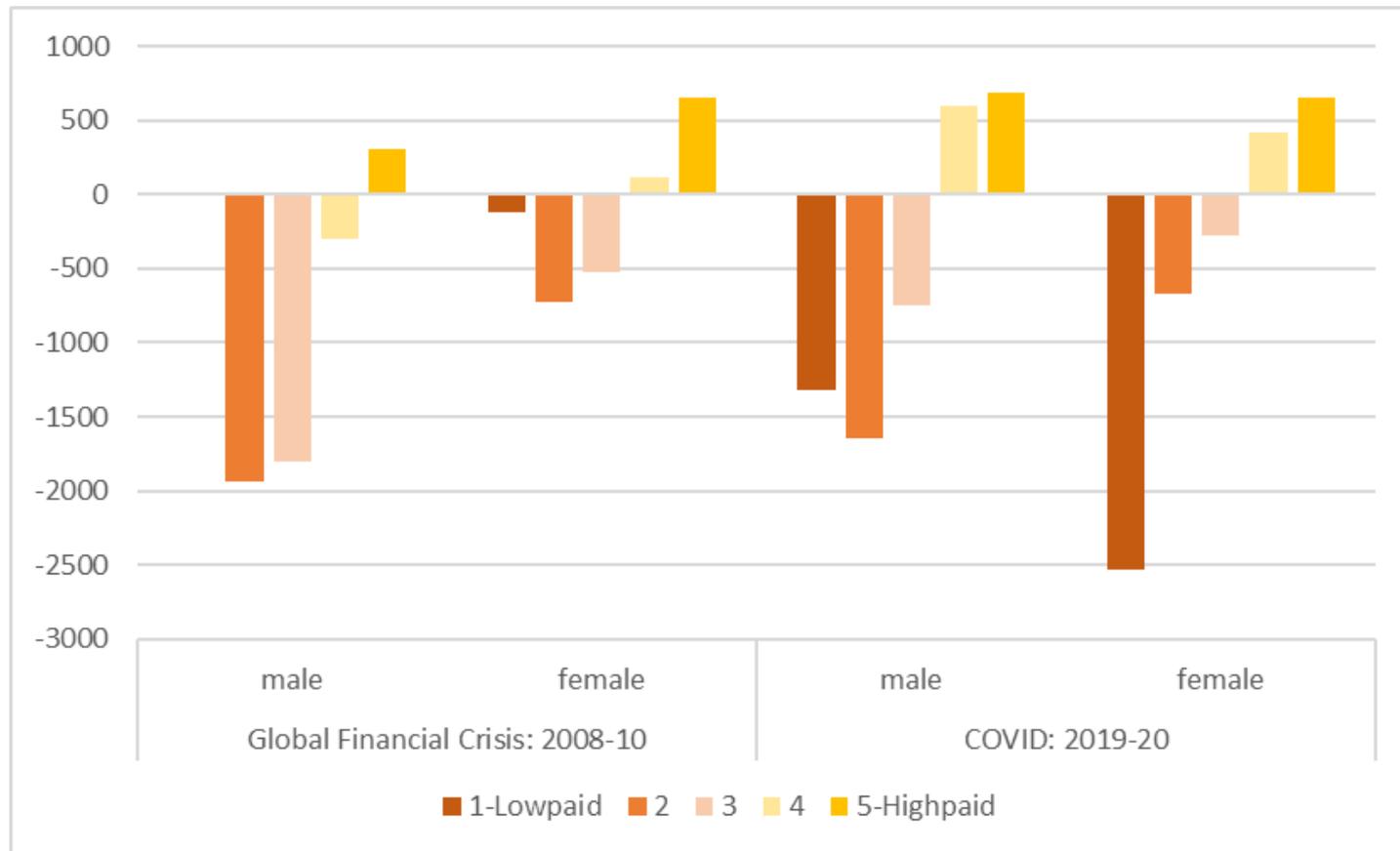


Labour market impact: Sectors

Sectors - NACE2d - most affected by crisis			
	2019Q2-2020Q2	2019Q2-2020Q2	2020Q2
	Headcount change	Working hours change	Furloughed worker share %
Accommodation	-22.9	-5.4	50.9
Food and beverage service activities	-17.9	-2.9	47.4
Gambling and betting activities	-10.5	-1.3	49.3
Sports activities and amusement and recreation	-5.4	-2.2	42.6
Air transport	-9.3	-6.8	44.8
Travel agency, tour operator reservation	-19.9	-7.2	39.5
Other personal service activities	6.6	-1.7	35.3
Manufacture of leather and related products	-9.2	-0.7	31.3
Creative, arts and entertainment activities	-7.0	-3.6	34.4
Manufacture of textiles	-1.3	-2.3	24.8
Sectors - NACE2d - least affected by crisis			
Telecommunications	20.6	-0.5	4.4
Computer programming, consultancy and re	18.5	-0.4	1.1
Insurance, reinsurance and pension fundi	17.5	-0.8	2.8
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical prod	15.1	-0.2	2.3
Programming and broadcasting activities	12.5	-1.3	3.7
Information service activities	11.7	0.1	1.1
All sectors	-2.4	-0.9	17.0

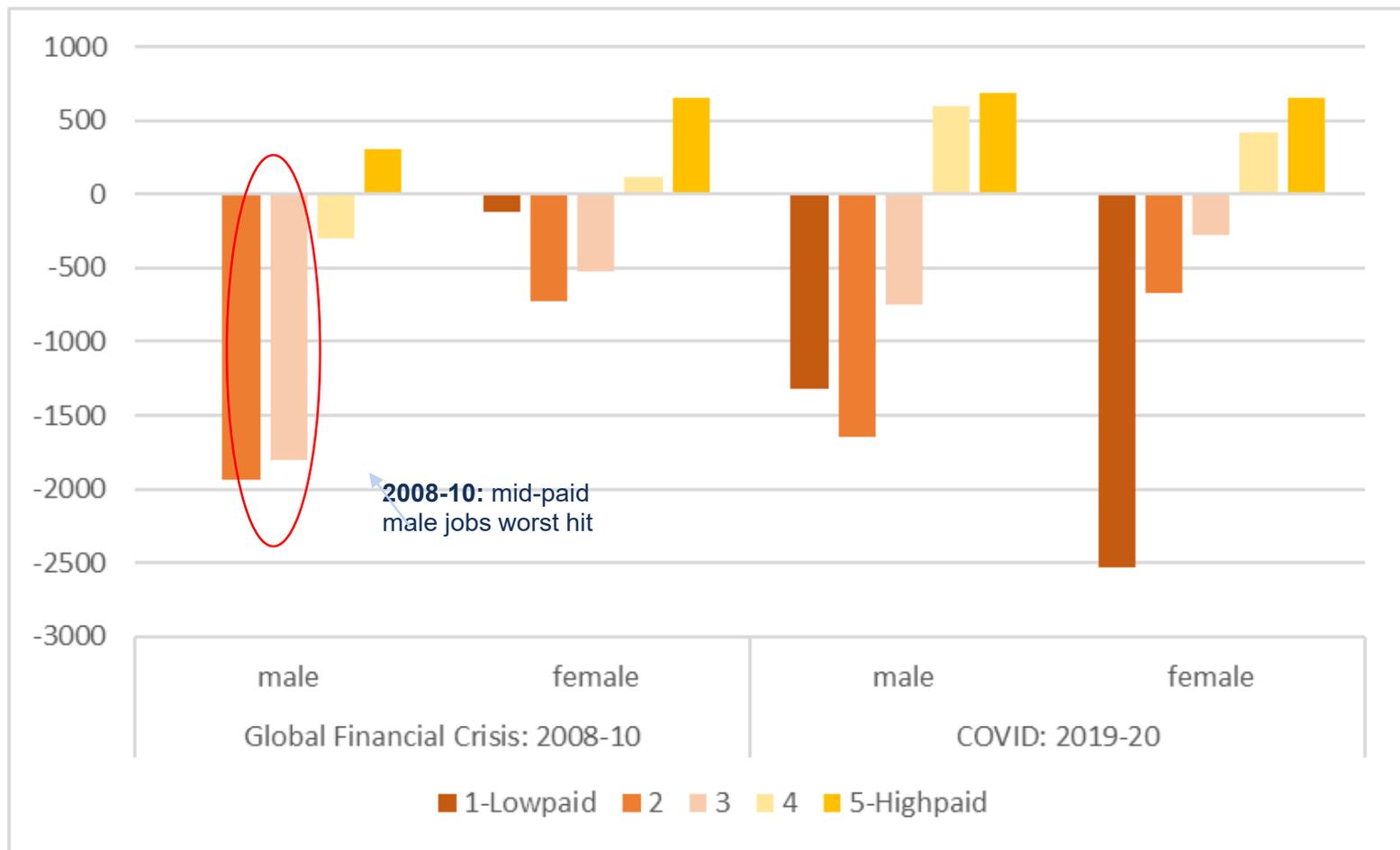
Source: LFS

Employment shifts by gender and job-wage quintile: comparing crises (EU27, 000s)

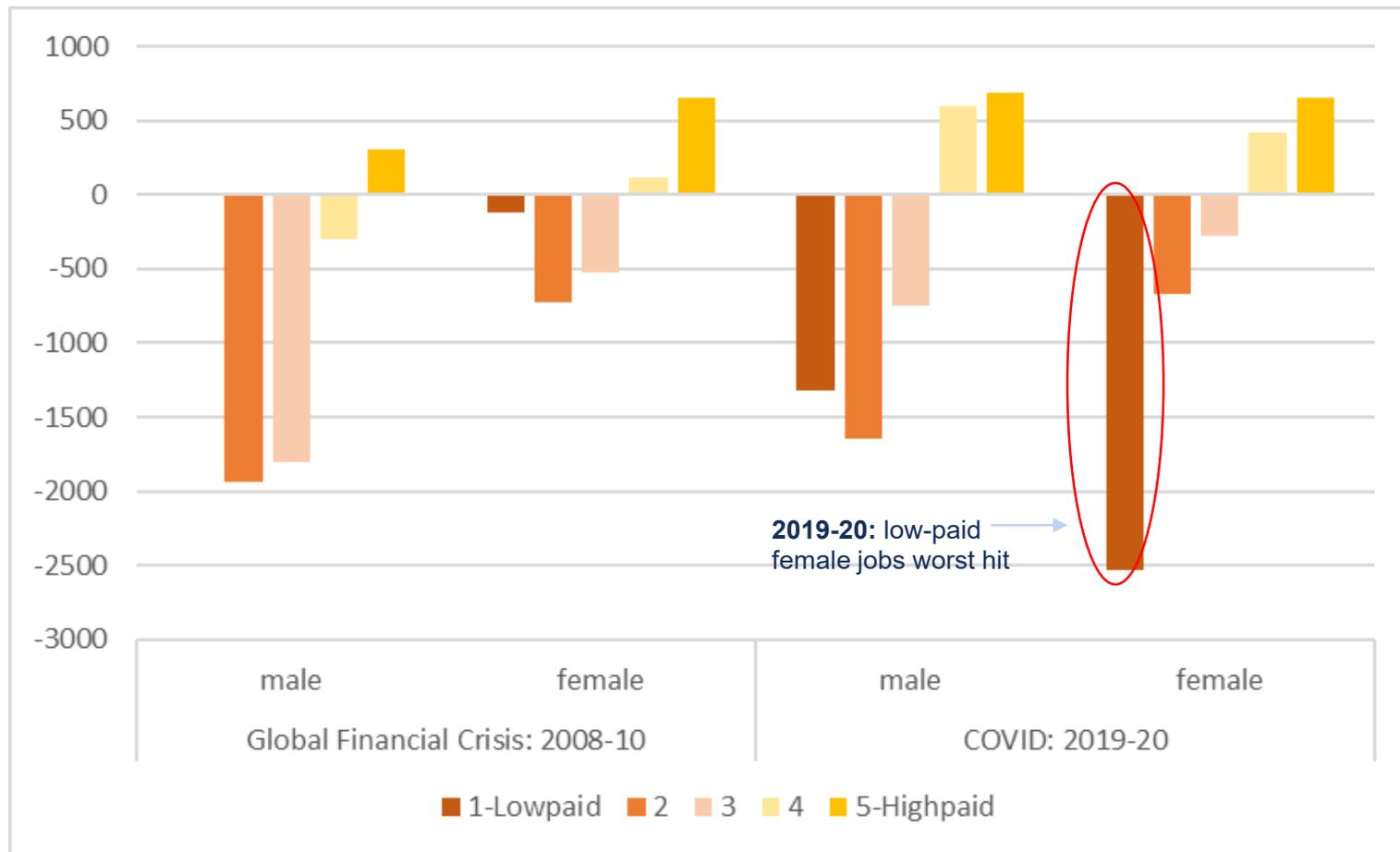


Source: LFS / Structure of Earning survey

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Policy response: Protecting employment

- Short-time working schemes
 - In all member states
 - In various formats: temp wage subsidy, temp lay offs, ‘traditional’ STW schemes
 - Easing of conditions of access, extension of duration
 - Dismissal protection included in many countries
 - Over 40 million EU workers benefitted between March-Sep 2020 compared to <2m at peak of 2008-10 crisis
- Impacts:
 - Relatively limited increase in unemployment
 - OECD simulations estimate that short-time work subsidies reduce the share of jobs at risk by 10 percentage points from 22%.
 - beneficiaries less likely to experience financial hardship, help to support aggregate consumption and expressed greater trust in their governments (Eurofound Living, Working and COVID survey)



Policy response: Income support for self-employed

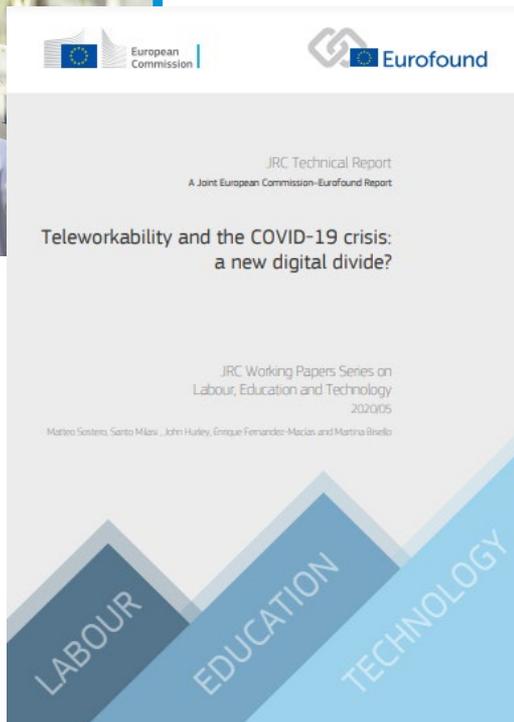
- Lack of income protection for self-employed is long-standing policy concern and came to the fore during the pandemic
- Three quarters of Member States introduced income support schemes (among other supports) to prevent business failure – most are new, all temporary,
- Less generous; low replacement rates compared to protections for dependent employees
- Effectiveness impacted by eligibility features, eg.
 - Sectoral restrictions
 - Thresholds with regards to required reductions in revenue
 - Maximum and minimum income thresholds (size of turnover and income prior to the pandemic)

Joint reports / working papers with Commission-Joint Research Centre

RESEARCH REPORT



Employment and labour markets
What just happened?
COVID-19 lockdowns and change
in the labour market



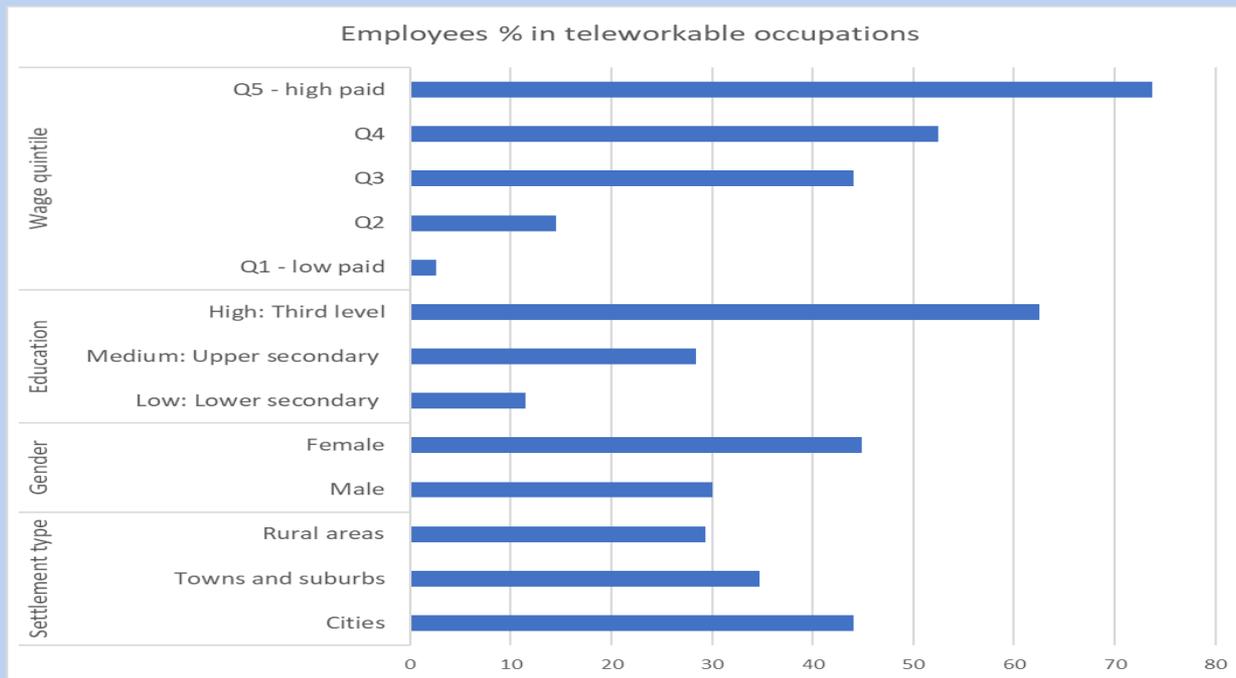
- Analysis of labour market impacts of COVID
 - Restructuring and employment developments during crisis
 - Sector, based on lockdown decrees
 - Occupation, the ‘teleworking buffer’

Post-COVID-19: what jobs are (not) teleworkable?

- Matching a detailed occupational tasks framework with IT and EWCS survey data, 130 different occupations evaluated in terms of teleworkability
 - (*Eurofound/European Commission Joint Research Centre, 2020*)
- Main ‘hard’ barrier to teleworkability is that a job has physical handling or manipulation tasks (nurse, waiter, plumber etc)
- Results are:
 - 37% of dependent employment in Europe is teleworkable - similar to estimates for the US
 - a majority of jobs are NOT currently teleworkable



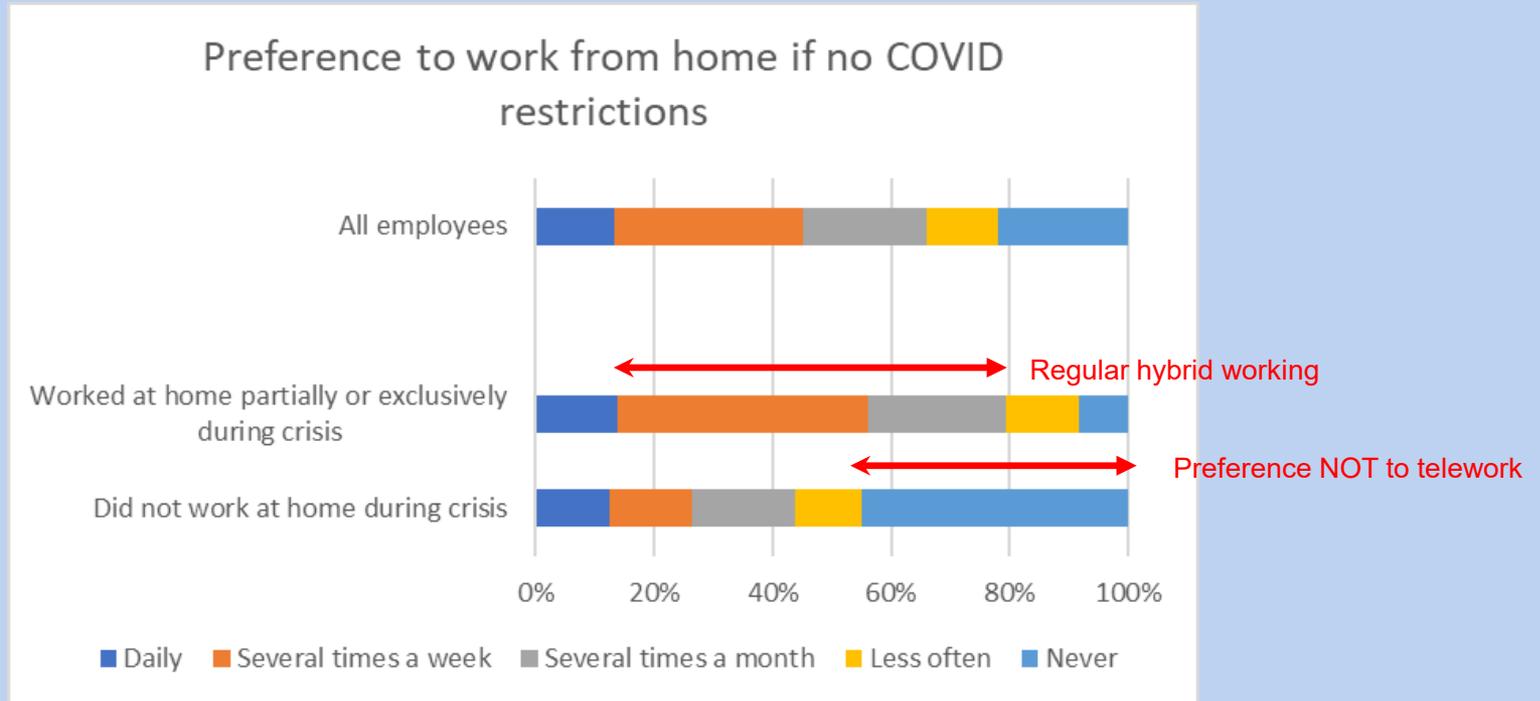
What jobs are teleworkable?



Source: Eurofound / European Commission Joint Research Centre, 2020

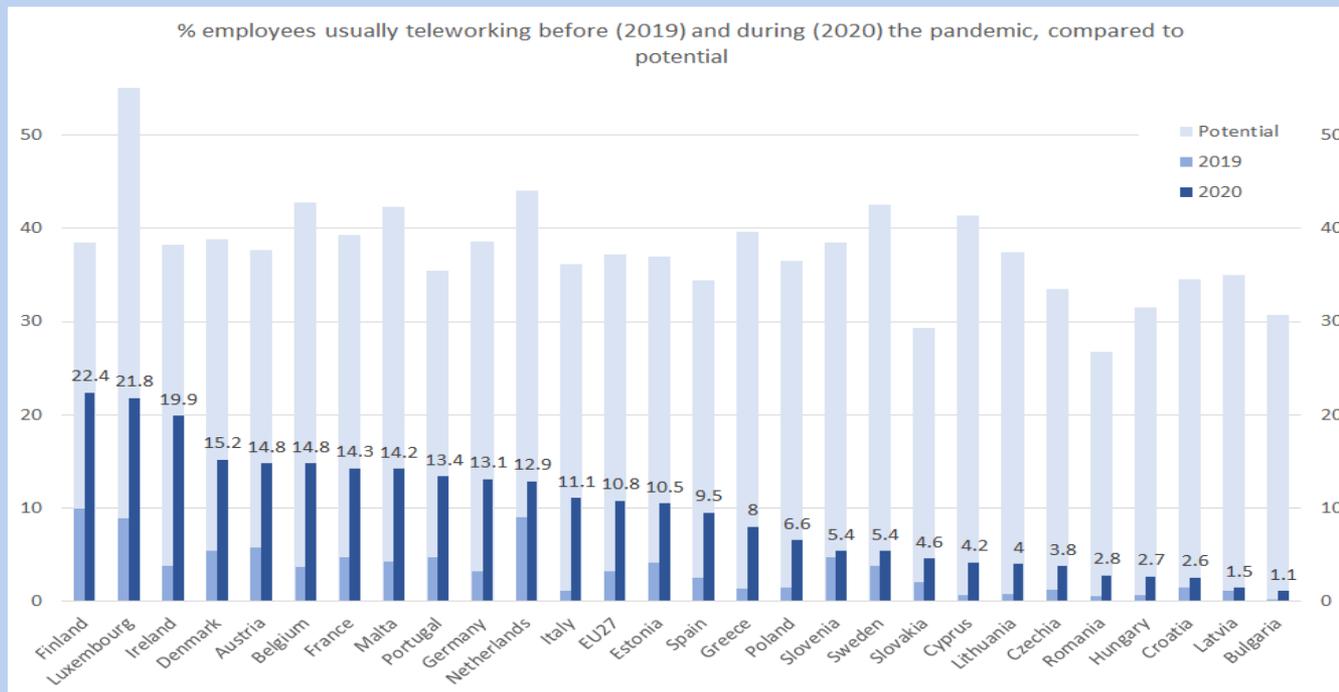


Teleworking preferences



Source: Eurofound Living, working and COVID-19 survey (second wave, July 2020)

Teleworking: actual and potential



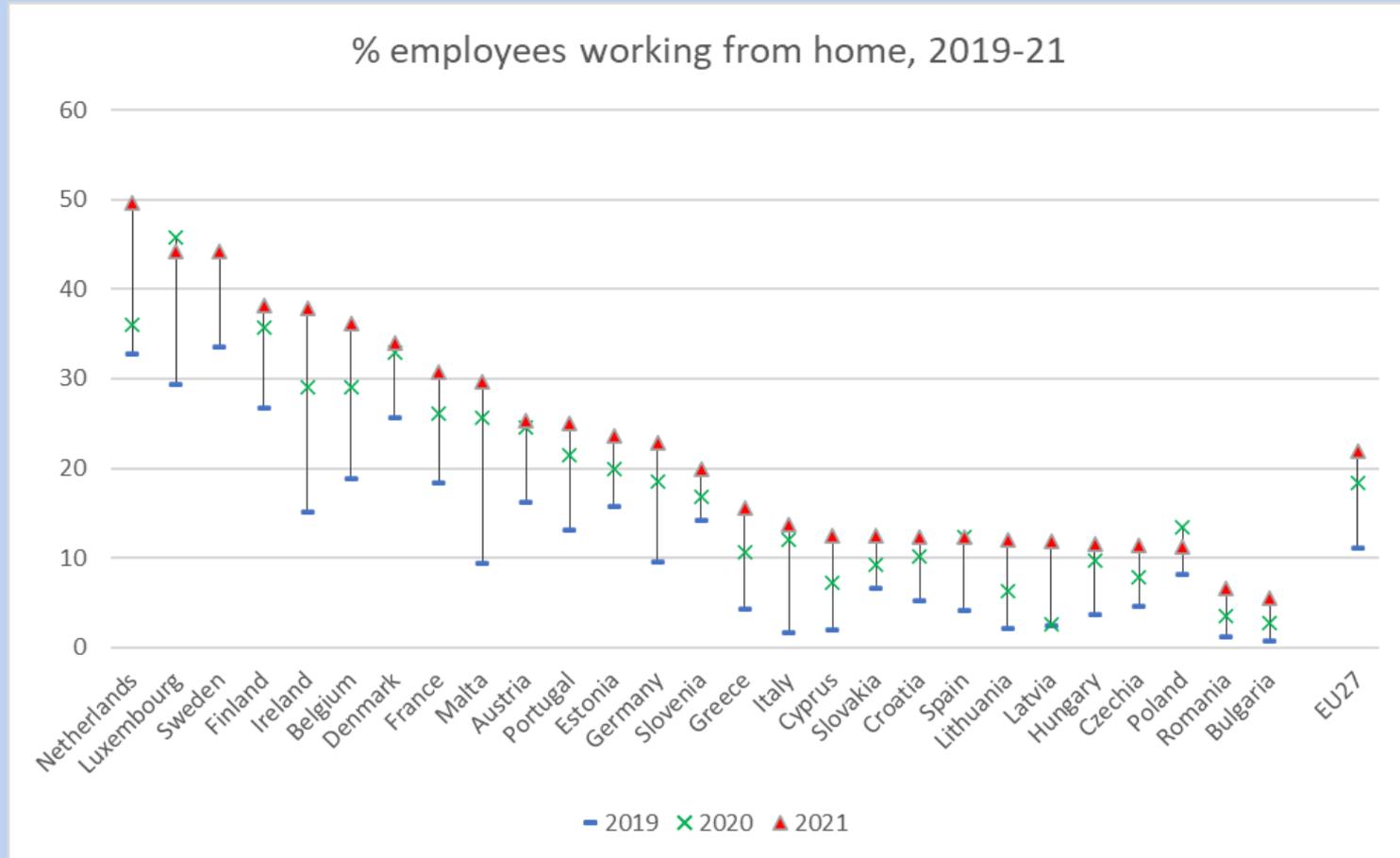
Source: LFS, Eurofound / European Commission JRC, 2021



Remote working post-COVID

- Spatial distribution of employment
 - US estimates based on employer survey post-COVID – hours worked remotely to increase from 5.5% to 22% (Barrero et al, 2021)
- Remote work:
 - Employees: blurred work and life boundaries, surveillance / monitoring, ergonomics
 - Employers: administrative complexity, IT security ..

Working from home 'usually' or 'sometimes'



Source: LFS

Labour market: current situation

- Employment in EU27 recovered to pre-COVID levels in late 2021 (within 2 years v within 8 years after the Financial crisis)
- Unemployment rate lowest in April 2022 (6.2%, EU27) in over 20 years
- ... employment rate also at highest rates recorded, 74% of 20-64 yrs in 2021Q4
- Most furlough schemes largely wound down

- ... Big butts
 - UKRAINE: Direct consequences: care and social services (+); armed forces (+); auto manufacturing (-) ...
 - Indirect consequences: adds to cost pressures (in food and energy dependent sectors), economic instability / lower growth, accelerated greening ...
 - COVID-19 redux

Key points

- COVID impact: a tale of two service sectors
- Working from home was a significant employment buffer
- State intervention and fiscal supports vital to support labour markets in the face of large, unanticipated shock like COVID.
- Preserving the employment relationship (as well as income) – the EU ‘way’, and more thoroughly implemented during this recession
- ... recovery from the initial shock has been – to date – positive. Increasingly issues on the supply not the demand side.
- But disruptive potential of Ukraine war ... and COVID-19 has not gone away

Thank you for your attention!

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- Sources:
- [COVID-19: Implications for employment and working life \(Eurofound, March 2021\)](#)
- [What just happened? COVID-19 lockdowns and change in the labour market \(Eurofound-European Commission Joint Research Centre, October 2021\)](#)
- [EU COVID policywatch database \(Eurofound, ongoing\)](#)

A new 'telework generation'

- Many more jobs would have been lost without teleworking.
- Strongest predictors of teleworking: level of education, urban location, knowledge-intensive services sector
 - New 'white collar'/'blue collar' divide
- Most jobs that can be teleworked are 'good jobs' – most 'essential services' jobs cannot be teleworked ...but most jobs cannot be teleworked, are place-dependent
- 37% of employment teleworkable based on task-content at detailed occupational level ([Eurofound-Commission JRC, 2020](#))



6. Communication

- EC communication updates
- Member State communication activities
- Next EGF Contact Persons meeting and Networking Seminar
- Update on EGF related events planned in the Member States



6.1 EC communication updates

6.1 EC communication updates: FAQs post 2020

- Available online in all EU languages, but Irish
- FAQ 10.2 updated with links to:
 - [the Guidelines on the correct use of the EU emblem \(flag\) in the context of EU programmes.](#)
 - [The ready-to-use EU emblem including the funding statement](#) in all EU languages it is available in three resolutions including `.eps` for large format items.



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6.2 Member States' communication activities and planned events

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France: [video](#)

<https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/emploi-et-insertion/accompagnement-des-mutations-economiques/fem>



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