Vallourec - Germany

Reference

Member State

Sector

Submitted to European Commission Total budget planned EGF contribution Intervention criterion

Period of reference

Redundancies during period of reference Active employment measures EGF/2023/003 DE/Vallourec

Germany

Division 24 (Manufacture of basic metals) 15 November 2023

€ 4 974 379 € 2 984 627 Article 4(2)(a) of the EGF Regulation 26 April 2023 – 26 August 2023

1518

To be provided for 835 workers and include:

- guidance counselling and vocational orientation;
- job search assistance;
- upskilling measures;
- upskilling incentives;
- training allowance;
- upskilling measures;
- business start-up advisory services;
- business start-up grants;
- and follow-up mentoring.

BACKGROUND

- Vallourec Deutschland GmbH (VAD), the German subsidiary of French multinational Vallourec S.A, manufactured seamless hotrolled steel tubes at its two steel mills in Germany, namely in the neighbouring cities of Düsseldorf and Mülheim an der Ruhr.
- The events giving rise to these redundancies are the closure of the steel mills, as the enterprise decided to offshore production to Brazil. The mills had been operating at a loss for a few years already, and all turn around attempts, as well as all attempts to sell the mills, had failed.
- All 1518 workers will lose their jobs. EGF assistance will target the most vulnerable among them, in particular those in the second half of their professional career, those with a low level of qualification, or a poor command of German language.
- The profiles of the displaced workers do not match the skills sought after on the job market. Up- and re-skilling the workers in line with labour market demands for qualified jobs will thus be a challenge, considering the large number of people dismissed at the same time.