

Comunidad Valenciana – Piedra natural



Reference	EGF/2010/005 Comunidad Valenciana – Piedra natural
Member State	Spain
Sector	Cutting, shaping and finishing of stone.
Submitted to European Commission	9 March 2010
Total budget planned	€2 189 000
EGF contribution	€1 422 850
Intervention criterion	Article 2 (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of reference	31/3/2009 to 30/12/2009
Redundancies during period of reference	528 in 66 enterprises in the NUTS II ES55 Comunidad Valenciana region
Active employment measures	To be provided for 300 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information, screening and occupational guidance. - Intensive job-search assistance and online individual job search support. - Training in new vocational skills or in skills, including traditional crafts, related to cutting, shaping and finishing of stone. - Promotion of entrepreneurship and training in business management. - Several allowances and incentives.

BACKGROUND

- The construction industry in the EU has seen demand plummet as a result of the crisis. The significant downturn in the construction sector, which fell by 13.4% in the EU27 in the first quarter of 2009 compared with the previous year, was mainly due to the decrease in private investment in the residential sector.
- The demand for finished natural stone products (flooring, facing of buildings, etc) is closely linked to demand in the construction sector, which is influenced by the number of new-builds and demand for renovations and upgrading.
- The number of dismissals in enterprises operating in cutting, shaping and finishing of stone in the Comunidad Valenciana, relatively stable in the period 2005-2007, increased by 405 % in the two following years. Due to the small size of the municipalities concerned by the redundancies (9 800 inhabitants on average) the impact of the redundancies is huge.
- In the package of measures, the provision of an equal opportunities monitor is planned. This person will be tasked to help the targeted workers if there are any personal or family barriers that may prevent them from accessing the measures; they will also ensure that the principle of equal treatment/equal opportunities is respected during the implementation of the measures.