

Odense Steel Shipyard



Reference	EGF/2010/025
Member State	Denmark
Sector	Shipbuilding
Submitted to European Commission	6 October 2010
Total budget planned	EUR 21,818,310
EGF contribution	EUR 14,181,901
Intervention criterion	Article 2(a)
Period of reference	13 April 2010 to 31 July 2010
Total redundancies	1,356
Active employment measures	<p>To be provided for 950 workers and including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advisory and guidance services with a basic course; - vocational training and general education towards promising sectors, i.e. energy technology, landscaping, robotics, and some general education for those who need it most; - measures to attract and retain the youth in education; - employment incentives / teaching in enterprises; - incentives, training, preparation and mentoring in business creation and entrepreneurship.

BACKGROUND

- Shipyards in Europe over the last decades have been losing substantial market shares to Asia. The global financial and economic crisis then further affected the global shipbuilding market, such that, according to the Community of European Shipyards' Associations (CESA), the global orderbook dropped by 20% between 2008 and 2009, while new orders dropped by 37 % during the same period.
- Odense Steel Shipyard is a large and modern shipyard which produced biggest container ships so far built and which looks back on a long shipbuilding tradition in the area.
- It is located in the island of Funen, in the eastern part of the region of Southern Denmark. There are few employment opportunities for workers elsewhere on Funen and there is no shortage of workers in Denmark as a whole in the metallurgical sector. Major efforts will therefore have to be made to prepare the redundant workers for their transition to new sectors.
- The package of EGF assistance for the former workers of Odense Steel Shipyard has been carefully designed to help the workers find jobs in sectors with a promising future. These measures go beyond what the Danish system can currently offer unemployed people and, if successful, will be applied more generally in future.
- The workers' representatives, as well as the municipalities of Odense and Kerteminde and the region of Southern Denmark are among the stakeholders of the application.