

Toscana



Reference	EGF/2008/001
Member State	Italy
Sector	Textiles
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Total expenditure	EUR 1,606,557
EGF contribution	EUR 803,279
Intervention criterion	Article 2(b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of implementation	1 March 2007 to 11 February 2009
Redundancies during period of reference	1 558 redundancies in 461 companies in the Province of Prato (NUTS III – ITE15), in the Tuscany Region.
Active employment measures	Include: - occupational guidance, - counselling, - job-search assistance, - entrepreneurship promotion, and - incentives to stimulate disadvantaged or older workers to remain in the labour market.

LESSONS LEARNT / GOOD PRACTICES

- Co-ordinating EGF support among all stakeholders, including public authorities and trade unions. A working group was formed and regular meetings were held, both in preparation of the application, and during the implementation phase.
- 1,352 out of the 1,588 workers eligible for assistance participated in the activities.
- 66 % of the workers who participated, had upper secondary education or less. 12 % were non EU citizens.
- At the end of the measure, 57 % of the eligible workers had found a new job.
- The EGF contribution enabled the Region to carry out some innovative measures.
- Special web sites to inform about EGF activities in Italy were created both by the Ministry and by Italia Lavoro.
- This action could not have been carried out without the help of the EGF, as the relevant Operational Programme of the European Social Fund included no activities targeting redundant workers in the textiles sector.