

Niederösterreich and Oberösterreich – Road transport



Reference	EGF/2011/001 AT/Niederösterreich-Oberösterreich
Member State	Austria
Sector	Road transport
Submitted to European Commission	3.1.2011
Total budget planned	€5 605 800
EGF contribution	€3 643 770
Intervention criterion	Article 2 (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of reference	1.2.2010 – 31.10.2010
Redundancies during period of reference	2 338 (in 706 enterprises)
Active employment measures	to be provided for 502 workers (lorry drivers), and to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - occupational orientation - various options of training, including up-skilling measures in the transport sector as well as re-training - active job search - various allowances for the duration of the training and job search activities

BACKGROUND

- The crisis had a severe adverse impact on the European and Austrian road transport sectors, and in particular on the small and very small transport firms established in Austria.
- Following reduced production volumes as a result of changed European consumer behaviour, the freight business in Austria decreased by 30-50 % in July 2009. For firms with lorries above 3,5 tons, the traffic decreased significantly in the first half of 2009, a trend which continued also in the following months. As a result of this, many Austrian road transport firms had to lay off workers in 2010.
- The territories concerned by the redundancies are the Land of Niederösterreich (AT12) and the Land of Oberösterreich (AT31). 54,5 % of the 2 338 redundancies occurred in Niederösterreich (1 274 workers) and 45,5 % (1 064 workers) occurred in Oberösterreich.
- Unemployment in the two concerned provinces increased sharply in 2009: +24,5 % in Niederösterreich and +39,7 % in Oberösterreich, higher than for Austria as a whole. The dismissals are an alarming signal for the labour markets as these do not offer sufficient employment options for the dismissed lorry drivers.
- Niederösterreich is also affected by another mass redundancy case for which an EGF application was submitted to the Commission: EGF/2010/007 AT/Steiermark and Niederösterreich (704 redundancies in the metal sector over nine months in 2009).