

Comunidad Valenciana - Footwear



Reference	EGF/2011/020
Member State	Spain
Sector	Footwear
Submitted to European Commission	28.12.2011
Total budget planned	€2 510 100
EGF contribution	€1 631 565
Intervention criterion	Article 2(b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of reference	25 January 2011 – 25 October 2011
Redundancies during period of reference	876 redundancies in 146 small and medium-sized enterprises
Active employment measures	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - welcome sessions and guidance, - job-search support, - various types of training courses, - entrepreneurship support and entrepreneurship incentives, - participation incentive, - contribution to commuting expenses.

BACKGROUND

- Imports of footwear from non-EU countries increased by almost 6 % during the period 2006-2009 while EU exports declined by 16,4 % during the same period. As a result the number of footwear producers in EU-27 decreased by 3 127 in 2008 compared to 2005 resulting in the loss of 78 800 direct jobs during the same period.
- Imports of footwear into Spain also followed an upward trend, growing by almost 20% during the period 2006-2010. However, the impact of the imbalance in imports and exports on the Spanish footwear industry was bigger than in the EU as a whole: the number of manufacturers decreased by 35,96 % during 2006 - 2010 (24,27 % if considering the period 2006 - 2009) and employment contracted by 31,80 %, and 10 663 direct jobs were lost during the same period.
- Since 64,43 % of the Spanish footwear manufacturers are located in Comunidad Valenciana, the consequences for employment at local level of changes in world trade patterns concerning footwear manufacture are truly significant and have a huge impact in the region.
- The employment situation in the affected area seems particularly fragile as the region has been also affected by a further four mass redundancy cases, for which EGF applications were submitted to the Commission.