

# Agile



The territories concerned are 12 out of 19 Italian regions: Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, Umbria, Lazio, Campania, Puglia, Basilica and Calabria and Sicily

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| <b>Reference</b>                               | EGF/2012/016 IT/Agile   |
| <b>Member State</b>                            | Italy   |
| <b>Sector</b>                                  | ICT   |
| <b>Submitted to European Commission</b>        | 30 December 2011  |
| <b>Total budget planned</b>                    | € 676 115   |
| <b>EGF contribution</b>                        | € 689 474   |
| <b>Intervention criterion</b>                  | 2(a) Financial and economic crisis  |
| <b>Period of reference</b>                     | 29.9.2011-29.12.2011  |
| <b>Redundancies during period of reference</b> | 1 257   |
| <b>Active employment measures</b>              | To be provided for 856 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Occupational guidance</li> <li>- Job-search assistance</li> <li>- Vocational training and skills upgrade</li> <li>- Entrepreneurship promotion</li> <li>- Job-search allowances</li> <li>- Hiring benefits</li> <li>- Contribution to commuting expenses and also to the expenses for change of residence</li> </ul> |

## BACKGROUND

- The financial crisis, in particular during the 2008/2009 period, contributed significantly to the slowdown in the ICT sector. Between 2005 and 2008 the ICT market in the EU grew at a rate exceeding 3 % per year while 2009 marked the reversal of the trend with a negative growth of 2,4 %. This downward trend continued in 2010 (-1 %).
- The deeper than expected downturn of the IT sector and the tightening of credit that followed the economic and financial crisis put an extra burden on Agile, a call-centre and IT services provider which could not work out a profitable solution and entered into insolvency proceedings in 2010.
- The territories concerned by the redundancies are 12 out of 19 the Italian regions.
- In 2010 the Italian unemployment rates showed anew the traditional dichotomy between the Central and Northern Italian regions where unemployment rates are in line with the national average and comprised between 5 % and 9 % and the Southern regions where unemployment rates are up to 6 % above the national average. The Agile redundancies will further exacerbate the current fragile employment situation, in particular in the Southern regions where the opportunities of economic recovery are less optimistic.