

# Trainers' Digest



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## **European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) 2007- 2013**

The new European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) entered into force at the beginning of 2007, following its adoption by the European Parliament and the European Council.

It will run until 2013, with a supporting budget of up to € 500 million per year.

### **General objectives**

The EGF aims at funding individual support for workers made redundant due to globalisation. The fund focuses on tailor-made activities designed to help workers regain their place in the labour market as quickly as possible.

### **Actions**

Job-search assistance, occupational guidance, tailor-made training and re-training including training in new information technologies, certification of acquired experience, outplacement assistance and entrepreneurship, promotion or aid for self-employment; special time-limited measures, such as job-search allowances, mobility allowances or allowances to individuals participating in lifelong learning and training activities; and measures to stimulate in particular disadvantaged or older workers to remain in or return to the labour market.

### **Application procedure and EU funding**

Applications must be submitted only by Member States.

Individuals or companies affected by redundancies and wishing to benefit from the Fund should contact their national authorities.

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There are four main stages to the process:

1. When a Member State is made aware of large-scale redundancies caused by the effects of globalisation, it immediately mobilises its employment services to design a plan to help the workers affected.
2. Once the plan is ready, it may submit an application to the European Union for part-funding through the EGF.
3. The European Commission will assess the plan and propose it to the EU's Budgetary Authority (the Council and the European Parliament) for its approval.
4. If the Council and Parliament approve the proposal, the Member State may receive up to 50% of the cost of its action plan.

## **Complementarity with European Social Fund**

The European Social Fund (ESF) consists of multi-annual programmes supporting strategic, long-term goals – notably anticipation and management of change and restructuring, through activities such as life-long learning.

The EGF is a response to a specific, European-scale crisis. It will provide one-off, time-limited individual support, geared directly to helping workers who have suffered trade-related redundancies.

## **Information and contact details**

The EGF is managed by the European Commission (Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities).

If you would like to know more, please contact: [empl-egf-info@ec.europa.eu](mailto:empl-egf-info@ec.europa.eu)

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