



Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Graphical Industry

Working Group Meeting

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Conference Centre Albert Borschette



New EGF Regulation – 2014-2020

- *Negotiations between 2011 and 2013 – DK, CY, IE and LITH Presidencies*
- *Compromise text finalised 4 October 2013*
- *Adoption planned for December 2013*
- *Entry into force on 1 January 2014*



New EGF Regulation – 2014-2020

Main changes compared to the current one

- **Objectives:** *the objectives of the EGF – workers **AND** self-employed; globalisation **AND** crisis*
- **Scope:** *redundant workers, fixed-term workers, temporary agency workers and self-employed*



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Main changes compared to the current one

- ***Additional eligible beneficiaries: by way of derogation and for a limited period of time only, (31 December 2017)***
young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training (NEETs) may be conditionally eligible to participate in EGF funded measures



New EGF Regulation – 2014-2020

Main changes compared to the current one

- **Capping** of certain time-limited allowances, such as subsistence allowances.
- The possibility to **reallocate funds** to other eligible measures, even if these were not included in the application from the Member State
- **Timelines** for the application process and deadlines for both the Commission and the Member States



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Main changes compared to the current one

- **Reporting from the Commission:** *biennially*
- **Financial contribution:** *flat-rate at 60 % - different from the current flat-rate of 50%*
- **Annual budget:** *EUR 150 million per year (2011 prices) as compared with the current EUR 500 million per year.*



New EGF Regulation – Practicalities

- *Last applications under current Regulation:*
 - **31.12.2013**
- *First applications under new Regulation:*
 - **1.1.2014**
- *Reduced funding:*
 - **EUR 500 million/year → EUR 150 million/year**



New EGF Regulation – Practicalities 1

New Article 8 laying down deadlines

- **12-week deadline** for presenting applications
- Application may need to be **translated**
- Commission has **2 weeks** to acknowledge and ask questions
- MS has **6 weeks** to respond
- Deadline may be extended by **2 more weeks** upon request by MS and agreement by Commission
- Commission shall assess within **12 weeks** except where it is unable to and can explain its reasons
- EP and Council will take their decision within **one month.**



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Inclusion of new categories of workers in the threshold and the measures

- **Fixed-term workers** whose contract ends within the reference period and is not renewed
- **Temporary agency workers** whose assignment to the user undertaking ends
- **Self-employed workers** whose activity ceases, provided that s/he did not employ more than 10 workers



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Inclusion of NEETS under certain conditions

- Regional unemployment criterion
- Regional criterion
- Age criterion
- Not in employment, education or training (NEET)
- **Equal number as targeted workers**
- **Measures eligible under the EGF Regulation**



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Capping of allowances and investments

- **Special time-limited measures**, such as job-search allowances, subsistence or training allowances, employers' recruitment incentives, mobility allowances and carers' allowances will be capped as a percentage of the total cost of the co-ordinated package of personalised measures **(35 %)**.
- The cost of **investments** for self-employment, business start-up and employee take-overs will be capped at an absolute amount **(15 000 EUR)**.



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Duration of EGF measures

- 24 months from date of application (postponed if desired by 3 months at MS request in application)
- Third-level education of 2 years or longer may be funded until final report date
- Administrative expenditure start no longer dependant on measures for beneficiaries being started first
- Administrative expenditure eligible for co-funding until final report date



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QUESTIONS?

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