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I. INTRODUCTION

The rapporteur, Maria ARENA (S&D, BE), presented a report consisting of 95 amendments (amendments 1-95) to the proposal for a Regulation on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

In addition, the the political groups tabled the following amendments: S&D tabled one amendment (amendment 96) and ALDE tabled two amendments (amendment 97-98).

II. VOTE

When it voted on 16 January 2019, the plenary adopted the following amendments: 1-21, 22/1, 23-27, 29-95 and 97-98 The amendments adopted are set out in the annex.

At the end of the vote, the proposal was referred back to the Committee, pursuant to Rule 59(4)(4) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure, thereby not bringing the Parliament's first reading to a close and opening the negotiations with the Council.

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) ***I

European Parliament legislative resolution of 16 January 2019 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) (COM(2018)0380 – C8-0231/2018 – 2018/0202(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0380),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 175(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0231/2018),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 12 December 2018¹,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 5 December 2018²,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the opinions of the Committee on International Trade, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Regional Development, and the position in the form of amendments of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (A8-0445/2018),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

² Not yet published in the Official Journal.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European ***Globalisation Adjustment*** Fund (***EGF***)

Amendment

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund ***for Transition (EFT)***

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on the European Union ('TEU') and in ***Article 10*** TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 TEU should be respected in the implementation of the Funds, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The objectives of the Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of

Amendment

(1) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union ('TEU') and in ***Articles 9 and 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)***, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 TEU should be respected in the implementation of the Funds, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. ***In accordance with Article 8 TFEU***, Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The

the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

objectives of the Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In February 2018, the Commission adopted its Communication on ‘A new, modern Multiannual Financial Framework for a European Union that delivers efficiently on its priorities post-2020’¹⁸. The Communication stresses that the Union budget shall support Europe’s unique social market economy. Therefore, it will be of utmost importance to improve employment opportunities and to address the skills challenges, especially also those linked to digitisation. Budgetary flexibility shall be a key principle in the next Multiannual Financial Framework. Flexibility mechanisms shall remain in place to allow the Union to react to unforeseen events, and to ensure that budgetary resources are used where most urgently needed.

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Amendment

(4) In February 2018, the Commission adopted its Communication on ‘A new, modern Multiannual Financial Framework for a European Union that delivers efficiently on its priorities post-2020’¹⁸. The Communication stresses that the Union budget shall support Europe’s unique social market economy. Therefore, it will be of utmost importance to improve employment opportunities and to address the skills challenges, especially also those linked to digitisation, ***automatisation and a transition towards a resource-efficient economy, fully respecting the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change following the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.*** Budgetary flexibility shall be a key principle in the next Multiannual Financial Framework. Flexibility mechanisms shall remain in place to allow the Union to react ***in a more timely manner*** to unforeseen events, and to ensure that budgetary resources are used where most urgently needed.

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Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In its ‘Reflection Paper on Harnessing Globalisation’²⁰ the Commission identifies the combination of trade related globalisation and technological change as the major drivers of an increased demand for skilled labour and a reduced number of jobs that require lower qualifications.

Despite the overall tremendous advantages of more open trade and further integration of world economies, these negative side effects ***need to be tackled***. As the current benefits of globalisation are already unequally distributed among people and regions, causing a significant impact on those adversely affected, there is a danger that ***the ever faster evolving*** technological ***advances*** will further fuel these effects. Therefore, in line with the principles of solidarity and sustainability, it will be necessary to ensure that the benefits of globalisation ***will be*** shared more fairly by reconciling economic ***opening*** and technological advance with social protection.

Amendment

(6) In its ‘Reflection Paper on Harnessing Globalisation’²⁰ the Commission identifies the combination of trade related globalisation and technological change as the major drivers of an increased demand for skilled labour and a reduced number of jobs that require lower qualifications. ***While acknowledging the advantages of more open trade, appropriate means are needed to address related*** negative side effects. As the current benefits of globalisation are already unequally distributed among people and regions, causing a significant impact on those adversely affected, there is a danger that technological ***and environmental changes*** will further fuel these effects. Therefore, in line with the principles of solidarity and sustainability, it will be necessary to ensure that the benefits of globalisation ***are*** shared more fairly. ***Any simultaneous adverse effects of globalisation and technological and environmental transitions should be more widely anticipated by the relevant Union Structural Funds, such as the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), in order better to adapt the business world and workforces*** by reconciling economic ***growth*** and technological advance with ***adequate*** social protection ***and active support to accessing employment and***

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) In its ‘Reflection Paper on the Future of Union Finances’²¹ the Commission underlines the need to reduce economic and social divergences between and within Member States. Therefore, a key priority is to invest in equality, social inclusion, education and training as well as health.

Amendment

(7) In its ‘Reflection Paper on the Future of Union Finances’²¹ the Commission underlines the need to reduce economic and social divergences between and within Member States. Therefore, a key priority is to invest in **sustainable development**, equality, social inclusion, education and training as well as health.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) **Globalisation** and technological change **is** likely to further increase the interconnectedness and interdependence of world economies. Labour reallocation is

Amendment

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an integral and inevitable part of such economic change. If the benefits of change are to be distributed fairly, offering assistance to displaced workers and those threatened by displacement is of utmost importance. The ‘EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring’²², is the Union policy instrument that sets the framework of best practice for anticipating and dealing with corporate restructuring. It offers a comprehensive framework on how the challenges of economic adjustment and restructuring and their employment and social impact should be addressed by adequate policy means. It also calls upon Member States to use EU and national funding in a way to ensure that the social impact of restructuring, especially the adverse effects on employment, can be cushioned more effectively. ***The main Union instruments to assist workers affected are the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which is designed to offer assistance in an anticipatory way, and the EGF, which is designed to offer assistance in the case of unexpected major restructuring events in a reactive manner.***

²² COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring, (COM(2013)0882, 13.12.2013).

Labour reallocation is an integral and inevitable part of such economic change. If the benefits of change are to be distributed fairly, offering assistance to displaced workers and those threatened by displacement is of utmost importance. ***The main Union instruments to assist affected workers are ESF+, which is designed to offer assistance in an anticipatory way, and the EFT, which is designed to offer assistance in the case of major restructuring events in a reactive manner.*** The ‘EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring’²², is the Union policy instrument that sets the framework of best practice for anticipating and dealing with corporate restructuring. It offers a comprehensive framework on how the challenges of economic adjustment and restructuring and their employment and social impact should be addressed by adequate policy means. It also calls upon Member States to use EU and national funding in a way to ensure that the social impact of restructuring, especially the adverse effects on employment, can be cushioned more effectively.

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 a (new)

(11a) The EFT programme should be visible and require more and better data, in order to allow a proper scientific evaluation of the EFT and avoid administrative constraints in the operation of the programme for trade adjustment assistance.

Amendments 8 and 97

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) The Commission underlines the continuing importance of the role of the ***EGF*** as a flexible fund to support workers who lose their jobs in large-scale restructuring events and to help them to find another job as rapidly as possible. The Union should continue to provide specific, one-off support to facilitate the re-integration into employment of displaced workers in areas, sectors, territories or labour markets suffering a shock of serious economic disruption. Considering the interplay and mutual effects of open trade, technological change or other factors like the transition to a low carbon economy, and therefore considering that it is increasingly difficult to single out a specific factor that causes job displacements, the mobilisation of the ***EGF shall*** in the future only be based on the significant impact of a restructuring event. Given its purpose, which is to provide support in situations of urgency and unexpected circumstances, complementing the more anticipatory assistance offered by the ESF+, the ***EGF shall*** remain a flexible and special

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instrument outside the budgetary ceilings of the Multiannual Financial Framework, as set out in the Commission's communication.' A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends - The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021 – 2027'and its annex²⁷

²⁷ Commission SWD(2018)0171 and its annex COM(2018)0321.

the more anticipatory assistance offered by the ESF+, the ***EFT should*** remain a flexible and special instrument outside the budgetary ceilings of the Multiannual Financial Framework, as set out in the Commission's communication.' A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends - The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021 – 2027'and its annex²⁷.

²⁷ Commission SWD(2018)0171 and its annex COM(2018)0321.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) In its resolution of 30 May 2018 on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and own resources, the European Parliament reconfirmed its firm position on the necessary level of funding for key Union policies in the 2021-2027 MFF, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission and objectives. It stressed in particular the call to double the specific MFF funding for SMEs and for tackling youth unemployment; welcomed several proposals that improve the current provisions, notably the increased allocations of special instruments; and stated its intention to negotiate additional improvements, wherever necessary.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) As stated, in order to maintain the European nature of the **EGF**, an application for support should be triggered when a major restructuring event causes a significant impact on the local or regional economy. Such an impact should be defined by a minimum number of job displacements within a specific reference period. Taking into account the findings of the mid-term evaluation, the threshold shall be set at **250** jobs displacement within **a reference period of four months (or 6 months in sectoral cases)**. Taking into account that waves of dismissals in different sectors but the same region have an equally significant impact on the local labour market, regional applications shall be possible as well. In small labour markets, such as small Member States or remote regions, including the outermost regions as referred in Article 349 **of the** TFEU, or in exceptional circumstances, applications **could be submitted** in case of a lower number of job displacements.

Amendment

(14) As stated, in order to maintain the European nature of the **EFT**, an application for support should be triggered when a major restructuring event causes a significant impact on the local or regional economy. Such an impact should be defined by a minimum number of job displacements within a specific reference period. Taking into account the findings of the mid-term evaluation, the threshold shall be set at **200** jobs displacement within **the respective reference periods**. Taking into account that waves of dismissals in different sectors but the same region have an equally significant impact on the local labour market, regional applications shall be possible as well. In small labour markets, such as small Member States or remote regions, including the outermost regions as referred in Article 349 TFEU, or in exceptional circumstances, **it should be possible to submit** applications in **the** case of a lower number of job displacements.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14a) While respecting the principle of subsidiarity, and taking into account the need for a significant impact of the restructuring event as a threshold for an EFT application, the EFT should strive to show solidarity with dismissed workers from all types of enterprises, regardless of

their size.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14b) The EFT should remain a special Union instrument reacting to situations that cause major restructuring events in the European labour market. However, the Union should continue efforts to find more sustainable ways of tackling the structural change and challenges that affect labour markets and lead to such events in the Member States.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) The European Monitoring Centre on Change, based in the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) in Dublin, assists the Commission and the Member States with qualitative and quantitative analyses in order to help in the assessment of trends *of* globalisation, restructuring and the use of the *EGF*.

(17) The European Monitoring Centre on Change, based in the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) in Dublin, assists the Commission and the Member States with qualitative and quantitative analyses in order to help in the assessment of trends, ***such as in*** globalisation, ***technological and environmental changes***, restructuring and ***in*** the use of the *EFT*. ***Such analyses should include sufficient disaggregated data, particularly from a gender perspective, in order to combat gender***

inequalities more efficiently.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17a) Eurofound's European Restructuring Monitor (ERM) monitors in real time the reporting of large-scale restructuring events throughout the Union, based on a network of national correspondents. The ERM is very relevant to the EFT and should assist its operation in particular by helping to identify potential intervention cases at an early stage.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) Displaced workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased should have equal access to the **EGF** independently of their type of employment contract or employment relationship. Therefore, displaced workers as well as self-employed persons whose activity has ceased should be regarded as possible **EGF** beneficiaries for the purposes of this Regulation.

(18) Displaced workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased should have equal access to the **EFT** independently of their type of employment contract or employment relationship. Therefore, displaced workers, **regardless of the type and duration of their employment relationship**, as well as self-employed persons whose activity has ceased, should be regarded as possible **EFT** beneficiaries for the purposes of this Regulation.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) Financial contributions from the **EGF** should be primarily directed at active labour market measures aimed at reintegrating beneficiaries rapidly into sustainable employment, **either** within or outside their initial sector of activity. Measures should reflect the **prospected** needs of the local or regional labour market. However, whenever relevant, the mobility of displaced workers should also be supported in order to help find new employment elsewhere. A particular focus **shall** be laid on the dissemination of skills required in the digital age. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should be restricted. Companies **could** be encouraged to participate in the national co-funding for the **EGF**-supported measures.

Amendment

(19) Financial contributions from the **EFT** should be primarily directed at active labour market measures **and personalised services** aimed at reintegrating beneficiaries rapidly into **quality and sustainable employment in a future-oriented sector, whether** within or outside their initial sector of activity, **but should also seek to promote self-employment and enterprise creation, including through the establishment of cooperatives**. Measures should reflect the **prospective** needs of the local or regional labour market. However, whenever relevant, the mobility of displaced workers should also be supported in order to help find new employment elsewhere. A particular focus **should** be laid on the dissemination of skills required in the digital age, **and on overcoming gender stereotypes in employment, where appropriate**. The inclusion of pecuniary allowances in a coordinated package of personalised services should be restricted. **The financial contributions should complement and not replace any measures which are the responsibility of Member States and/or companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements**. Companies **should** be encouraged to participate in the national co-funding for the **EFT**-supported measures.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

(19a) When implementing and designing coordinated package of personalised services, aimed at facilitating the re-integration of the targeted beneficiaries, Member States should exploit and better target the aims of the Digital Agenda and the Digital Single Market Strategy with a view to addressing the serious gender gap within the ICT and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) sectors by promoting re-training and re-qualification of women into ICT and STEM sectors. When implementing and designing coordinated package of personalised services, Member States should also avoid perpetuating the domination of one gender in those industries and sectors where this has traditionally been the case. Increasing the representation of the less represented gender in different sectors, such as finance, ICT and STEM, would contribute towards the reduction of gender pay and pension gap.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

(20) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will significantly contribute to the employability of the beneficiaries. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into sustainable employment of ***the largest possible number of***

(20) When drawing up the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, Member States should favour measures that will significantly contribute to the employability of the beneficiaries. Member States should strive towards the reintegration into ***quality and*** sustainable employment of ***all*** beneficiaries

beneficiaries participating in these measures as soon as possible within the **six**-month period before the final report on the implementation of the financial contribution is due.

participating in these measures as soon as possible within the **seven**-month period before the final report on the implementation of the financial contribution is due. ***The design of the coordinated package of personalised services should take into account the underlying reasons for the redundancies where relevant and anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills. The coordinated package should be compatible with the shift towards a climate-friendly and resource-efficient economy.***

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Member States should pay particular attention to disadvantaged beneficiaries, including young and older unemployed persons and **those** at risk of poverty, when designing the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, given that those groups experience particular problems in re-entering the labour market. Notwithstanding, the principles of gender equality and of non-discrimination, which are among the Union's core values and are enshrined in the European Pillar of Social Rights, should be respected and promoted when implementing the **EGF**.

Amendment

(21) Member States should pay particular attention to disadvantaged beneficiaries, including **persons with disabilities, persons with dependent relatives**, young and older unemployed persons, **persons with a low level of qualifications, persons with a migrant background** and **persons** at risk of poverty when designing the coordinated package of active labour market policy measures, given that those groups experience particular problems in re-entering the labour market. Notwithstanding, the principles of gender equality and of non-discrimination, which are among the Union's core values and are enshrined in the European Pillar of Social Rights, should be respected and promoted when implementing the **EFT**.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) In the period between March 2007 and March 2017, the Commission received 148 applications for co-financing from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) from 21 Member States, for a total of almost EUR 600 million to help 138 888 displaced workers and 2 944 people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) In order to support beneficiaries effectively and rapidly, Member States should do their utmost to submit complete applications for a financial contribution from the ***EGF***. In case the Commission requires further information for the assessment of an application, the provision of additional information should be limited in time.

(22) In order to support beneficiaries effectively and rapidly, Member States should do their utmost to submit ***as a matter of urgency*** complete applications for a financial contribution from the ***EFT and the Union institutions should do their utmost to assess them rapidly***. In case the Commission requires further information for the assessment of an application, the provision of additional information should be limited in time.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22a) To facilitate the implementation and the aims of this Regulation, more publicity should be given to the EFT and its possibilities, in particular at the level of the relevant authorities in the Member States.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22b) The Commission should facilitate access to national and regional authorities through a dedicated helpdesk that would provide general information and explanations on procedures and on how to submit an application. That helpdesk should make available standard forms for statistics and further analysis.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) In the interest of beneficiaries and bodies responsible for implementation of the measures, the applicant Member State should keep all actors involved in the application process informed of the progress of the application.

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Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) In compliance with the principle of sound financial management, financial contributions from the **EGF should not** replace but should, where possible, complement support measures which are available for beneficiaries within the Union funds or other Union policies or programmes.

Amendment

(24) In compliance with the principle of sound financial management, financial contributions from the **EFT cannot** replace but **rather** should, where possible, complement support measures which are available for beneficiaries within the Union funds or other Union policies or programmes. **Nor can the EFT's financial contribution replace national measures or replace measures that are the responsibility of dismissing companies under national law or collective agreements and should instead create real European added value.**

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) **Special provisions** should be **included for** information and communication activities on **EGF** cases and outcomes.

Amendment

(25) **In light of the principle of equality, Member States should ensure effective access to information about the EFT throughout their territory, including in rural areas. The Commission should, in particular, promote the dissemination of existing best practice, raise awareness of the EFT's eligibility criteria and application procedures and do more to raise awareness of the EFT among Union citizens, in particular workers. Special**

provisions should be included for information and communication activities on EFT cases and outcomes.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) In order to cover the needs arising especially during the first months of each year, where the options for transfers from other budget lines are particularly limited, an adequate amount of payment appropriations should be made available on the EFT budget line in the annual budgetary procedure.

Separate vote

Proposal for a regulation Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(29) In the interest of the beneficiaries, assistance should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Member States and the Union institutions involved in the **EGF** decision-making process should do their utmost to reduce processing time and simplify procedures so as to ensure the smooth and rapid adoption of decisions on the mobilisation of the **EGF**. **Therefore, the Budgetary Authority shall in the future decide on transfer requests submitted by the Commission, not requiring a Commission Proposal for the mobilisation of the EGF anymore.**

(29) In the interest of the beneficiaries, assistance should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Member States and the Union institutions involved in the **EFT** decision-making process should do their utmost to reduce processing time and simplify procedures so as to ensure the smooth and rapid adoption of decisions on the mobilisation of the **EFT**.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) In the event of an enterprise closing down, displaced workers may be helped to take over some or all of the activities of their former employer.

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(30) In the event of an enterprise closing down, displaced workers may be helped to take over some or all of the activities of their former employer **and the Member State in which the enterprise is located may advance the funds that are required urgently to make this possible.**

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) In order to enable political scrutiny by the European Parliament and continuous monitoring by the Commission of results obtained with **EGF** assistance, Member States should submit a final report on the implementation of the **EGF**.

Amendment

(31) In order to enable political scrutiny by the European Parliament and continuous monitoring by the Commission of results obtained with **EFT** assistance, Member States should submit a final report on the implementation of the **EFT which should respond to clear monitoring requirements and contain a follow up of the beneficiaries and a gender equality impact assessment.**

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32a) The Member States should conduct effective communication activities in

order to promote financial contributions from the EFT, emphasise that funding has come from the Union and raise the profile of activities financed by the Union under the EFT.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

(37) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the fund's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of its evaluation.

Amendment

(37) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ***over the MFF 2021-2027 period, and an annual target of 30 % as soon as possible and at the latest by 2027.*** Relevant actions will be identified during the fund's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of its evaluation.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) Considering the fact that the digital transformation of the economy requires a certain level of digital competence of the workforce, the dissemination of skills required in the digital age should be a mandatory horizontal element of any coordinated package of personalised

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services offered.

services offered *and should incorporate the aim of increasing the participation of women in STEM professions.*

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

It lays down the objectives of the **EGF**, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding, including applications by the Member States for financial contributions from the **EGF** for measures targeting the beneficiaries referred to in Article 7.

Amendment

It lays down the objectives of the **EFT**, the forms of Union funding and the rules *and criteria* for providing such funding, including applications by the Member States for financial contributions from the **EFT** for measures targeting the beneficiaries referred to in Article 7.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The EGF shall contribute to a better distribution of the benefits of globalisation and technological advance by helping displaced workers *adapt to structural change*. As such, the **EGF** shall contribute to the implementation of the principles defined under the European Pillar of Social Rights and enhance social and economic cohesion among regions and Member States.

Amendment

The objective of the EFT shall be to support socio-economic transformations that are the result of globalisation and of technological and environmental changes by helping displaced workers *through the promotion of alternative, sustainable employment. The EFT shall be an emergency fund that operates reactively and contributes to a just transition*. As such, the **EFT** shall contribute to the implementation of the principles defined under the European Pillar of Social Rights and enhance social and economic cohesion among regions and Member States.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the programme is to demonstrate solidarity with and offer support to displaced workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased in the course of unexpected major restructuring events, referred to in Article 5.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the programme is to demonstrate solidarity with and offer **financial support for re-employment measures with regard** to displaced workers **regardless of the type or duration of their employment relationship** and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased in the course of unexpected major restructuring events, referred to in Article 5(1), (2) and (3).

Amendments 37 and 98

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific objective of the **EGF** is to offer assistance in case of **unexpected** major restructuring events, particularly those caused by globalisation-related challenges, such as changes in world trade patterns, trade disputes, financial or economic crises, the transition to low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation **or automation**. Particular emphasis shall **lie** on measures that help the most disadvantaged groups.

Amendment

2. The specific objective of the **EFT** is to offer assistance **and support to workers with regard to their reintegration into the labour market in the** case of major restructuring events, particularly those caused by globalisation-related challenges, such as changes in world trade patterns, trade disputes, financial or economic crises, the **withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the** transition to **a** low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation, **automatisation and technological change**.

Particular emphasis shall *be placed* on measures that help the most disadvantaged groups *and on the promotion of gender equality*.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) 'displaced worker' means a worker whose employment is ended prematurely by redundancy, or whose contract is not renewed, due to economic reasons;

Amendment

(a) 'displaced worker' means a worker, *regardless of the type or duration of his or her employment relationship*, whose employment is ended prematurely by redundancy, or whose contract is not renewed, due to economic reasons;

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the cessation of activity of *more than 250* displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of *four* months, in an enterprise in a Member State, including where that cessation applies in its suppliers or downstream producers;

Amendment

(a) the cessation of activity of *at least 200* displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of *six* months, in an enterprise in a Member State, including where that cessation applies in its suppliers or downstream producers;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the cessation of activity of **more than 250** displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of **six** months, particularly in SMEs, where all operate in the same economic sector defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level or in more than two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level provided that there are **more than 250** workers or self-employed persons affected in two of the regions combined;

Amendment

(b) the cessation of activity of **at least 200** displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of **nine** months, particularly in SMEs, where all operate in the same economic sector defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in one region or two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level or in more than two contiguous regions defined at NUTS 2 level provided that there are **at least 200** workers or self-employed persons affected in two of the regions combined;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the cessation of activity of **more than 250** displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of **four** months, particularly in SMEs, operating in the same or different economic sectors defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in the same region defined at NUTS 2 level.

Amendment

(c) the cessation of activity of **at least 200** displaced workers or self-employed persons, over a reference period of **nine** months, particularly in SMEs, operating in the same or different economic sectors defined at NACE Revision 2 division level and located in the same region defined at NUTS 2 level.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In small labour markets or in exceptional circumstances, ***in particular with regard to*** applications involving SMEs, where duly substantiated by the applicant Member State, an application for a financial contribution under this Article may be considered admissible even if the criteria laid down in points (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met, when the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local ***or*** regional economy. The applicant Member State shall specify which of the intervention criteria set out in points (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met. The aggregated amount of contributions in exceptional circumstances may not exceed 15 % of the annual ceiling of the ***EGF***.

Amendment

3. In small labour markets or in exceptional circumstances, ***including*** applications involving SMEs, where duly substantiated by the applicant Member State, an application for a financial contribution under this Article may be considered admissible even if the criteria laid down in points (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met, when the redundancies have a serious impact on employment ***levels*** and the local, regional ***or national*** economy. The applicant Member State shall specify which of the intervention criteria set out in points (a) or (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 are not entirely met. The aggregated amount of contributions in exceptional circumstances may not exceed 15 % of the annual ceiling of the ***EFT***.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The ***EGF*** may not be mobilised when workers are dismissed as a result of budget cuts taken by a Member State, which affect sectors that depend on public financing.

Amendment

4. The ***EFT*** may not be mobilised when workers are dismissed as a result of budget cuts taken by a Member State, which affect sectors that depend ***primarily*** on public financing.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The applicant Member State shall specify the method used for calculating the number of workers and self-employed persons defined in Article 4 for the purpose of Article 5.

Amendment

1. The applicant Member State shall specify the method used for calculating the number of ***displaced*** workers and self-employed persons defined in Article 4 for the purpose of Article 5(1), (2) and (3).

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) displaced workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased, calculated in accordance with Article 6, within the reference periods provided for in Article 5;

Amendment

(a) displaced workers and self-employed persons whose activity has ceased, calculated in accordance with Article 6, within the reference periods provided for in Article 5(1), (2) and (3);

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By way of derogation from Article 5, applicant Member States may provide personalised services co-financed by the EFT to up to a number of NEETs (not in employment, education or training) under the age of 25, or where Member States so

decide under the age of 30, on the date of submission of the application, equal to the number of targeted beneficiaries, as a priority to persons made redundant or whose activity has ceased, provided that at least some of the redundancies occur in NUTS 2 level regions.

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

A financial contribution from the **EGF** may be made for active labour market measures that form part of a coordinated package of personalised services, designed to facilitate the re-integration of the targeted beneficiaries and, in particular, the most disadvantaged among the displaced workers, into employment or self-employment.

Amendment

A financial contribution from the **EFT** may be made for active labour market measures that form part of a coordinated package of personalised services, **with the involvement of trade union organisations and/or worker representatives**, designed to facilitate the re-integration of the targeted beneficiaries and, in particular, the most disadvantaged among the displaced workers, into **quality and sustainable** employment or self-employment.

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age is a mandatory horizontal element of any package of

Amendment

The dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age **as well as in a resource-efficient economy** is a mandatory

personalised services offered. The level of training shall be adapted to the qualifications and *the* needs of the respective beneficiary.

horizontal element of any package of personalised *training and/or* services offered. The level of training shall be adapted to the qualifications, *skills* and *specific* needs of the respective beneficiary.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) tailor-made training and retraining, including in information and communication technology and other skills required in the digital age, certification of acquired experience, job-search assistance, occupational guidance, advisory services, mentoring, outplacement assistance, entrepreneurship promotion, aid for self-employment, business start-ups and employee take-overs, and cooperation activities;

Amendment

(a) tailor-made training and retraining, including in information and communication technology and other skills that are required in the digital age, certification of acquired experience, *personalised* job-search assistance, occupational guidance, advisory services, mentoring, outplacement assistance, entrepreneurship promotion, aid for self-employment, business start-ups and employee take-overs, and cooperation activities;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) special time-limited measures, such as job-search allowances, *employers' recruitment incentives*, mobility allowances, training or subsistence allowances, including allowances for carers.

Amendment

(b) special time-limited measures, such as job-search allowances, mobility allowances, *childcare allowances*, training or subsistence allowances, including allowances for carers *and employers'*

recruitment incentives including incentives to provide flexible working arrangements for displaced workers.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

The costs of the measures referred to in point (b) **may** not exceed 35 % of the total costs for the coordinated package of personalised services listed in this paragraph.

Amendment

The costs of the measures referred to in point (b) **shall** not exceed 35 % of the total costs for the coordinated package of personalised services listed in this paragraph.

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The investments for self-employment, starting an own business or for employee take-overs **may** not exceed EUR **20 000** per displaced worker.

Amendment

The investments for self-employment, starting an own business **including a cooperative** or for employee take-overs **shall** not exceed EUR **25 000** per displaced worker.

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

The design of the coordinated package of personalised services shall anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills. The coordinated package shall be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy, and shall also focus on the dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age and take into account the demand on the local labour market.

Amendment

The design of the coordinated package of personalised services shall anticipate future labour market perspectives and required skills. The coordinated package shall be compatible with the shift towards a resource-efficient and sustainable economy, and shall also focus on the dissemination of skills required in the digital industrial age and take into account the demand on the local labour market ***as well as the possibility of reintegrating workers into the occupational sector of their former employment, where a major restructuring event has created a need for new or supplementary skills, and where existing skills can be utilised most efficiently.***

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) measures to stimulate in particular the disadvantaged workers, those at the higher risk of poverty or older workers to remain in or return to the labour market.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) measures for which Member States are responsible by virtue of national law

or collective agreements.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The measures supported by the **EGF** shall not substitute passive social protection measures.

Amendment

The measures supported by the **EFT** shall not ***under any circumstances*** substitute passive social protection measures.

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The coordinated package of services shall be drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries or their representatives, ***or*** the social partners.

Amendment

3. The coordinated package of services shall be drawn up in consultation with the targeted beneficiaries or their representatives ***and/or*** the social partners.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Within ten working days of the date of submission of the application, or, where

Amendment

2. Within ten working days of the date of submission of the application, or, where

applicable, of the date on which the Commission is in possession of the translation of the application, whichever is the later, the Commission shall inform the Member State of any additional information it requires in order to assess the application.

applicable, of the date on which the Commission is in possession of the translation of the application, whichever is the later, the Commission shall ***acknowledge receipt of the application and*** inform the Member State of any additional information it requires in order to assess the application.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where additional information is required by the Commission, the Member State shall reply within ten working days of the date of the request. That deadline shall be extended by the Commission by ten working days at the duly justified request of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

3. ***Where requested by the Member State, the Commission shall provide them with technical assistance at the early stages of the procedure.*** Where additional information is required by the Commission, the Member State shall reply within ten working days of the date of the request. That deadline shall be extended by the Commission by ten working days at the duly justified request of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. On the basis of the information provided by the Member State, the Commission shall complete its assessment of the application's compliance with the conditions for providing a financial

Amendment

4. On the basis of the information provided by the Member State, the Commission shall complete its assessment of the application's compliance with the conditions for providing a financial

contribution, within **60** working days of the receipt of the complete application or, where applicable, of the translation of the application. Where the Commission is unable, exceptionally, to comply *with* that deadline, ***it shall provide*** a written explanation setting out the reasons for ***the*** delay.

contribution, within **40** working days of the receipt of the complete application or, where applicable, of the translation of the application. Where the Commission is unable, exceptionally, to comply, that deadline ***may be extended by a further 20 working days, provided that the Commission gives a prior*** written explanation setting out the reasons for ***its*** delay ***and submits that explanation to the Member State concerned.***

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the confirmation that, where the dismissing enterprise has continued its activities after the lay-offs, it has complied with its legal obligations governing the redundancies;

Amendment

(b) the confirmation that, where the dismissing enterprise has continued its activities after the lay-offs, it has complied with ***all*** its legal obligations governing the redundancies ***and has provided for its workers accordingly;***

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) a clear indication of the activities already undertaken by the Member States for the assistance of displaced workers and of the complementary nature of the requested funds from the EFT due to lack of resources available to national or regional authorities;

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) an overview of Union funds the dismissing enterprise already benefitted from in the five years preceding the collective redundancies;

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the expected impact of the redundancies as regards the local, regional *or* national economy and employment;

(e) the expected impact of the redundancies as regards the local, regional, national *or, where appropriate, cross-border* economy and employment;

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) a detailed description of the coordinated package of personalised services and related expenditure, including, in particular, any measures in support of employment initiatives for disadvantaged, older and young beneficiaries;

(f) a detailed description of the coordinated package of personalised services and related expenditure, including, in particular, any measures in support of employment initiatives for disadvantaged, ***low-skilled***, older and young beneficiaries, ***and those from disadvantaged areas***;

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5 – point m a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ma) a statement that proposed actions will be complementary with actions funded by the Structural Funds and that any double financing will be prevented.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support for targeted beneficiaries shall complement measures of the Member States at national, regional **and** local level including those co-financed by Union funds, in line with the recommendations set out in the EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring.

Amendment

2. Support for targeted beneficiaries shall complement measures of the Member States at national, regional, local **and, where appropriate, cross-border** level including those co-financed by Union funds **and programmes**, in line with the recommendations set out in the EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring.

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The financial contribution from the **EGF** shall be limited to what is necessary to provide temporary, one-off support for targeted beneficiaries. The measures supported by the **EGF** shall comply with Union and national law, including State aid rules.

Amendment

3. The financial contribution from the **EFT** shall be limited to what is necessary to **show solidarity with, and** provide temporary, one-off support **to**, targeted beneficiaries. The measures supported by the **EFT** shall comply with Union and national law, including State aid rules.

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the applicant Member State shall ensure the coordination of the assistance from Union funds.

Amendment

4. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the applicant Member State shall ensure the coordination of the assistance from Union funds **and programmes**.

Amendment 70

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective are an integral part of, and are promoted during, **the various** stages of the implementation of the financial contribution from the **EGF**.

Amendment

The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective are an integral part of, and are promoted during **all appropriate** stages of the implementation of the financial contribution from the **EFT**.

Amendment 71

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. At the initiative of the Commission, a maximum of 0.5 % of the annual ceiling of the **EGF** may be used **for** technical and administrative assistance for its implementation, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information technology systems, communication activities and those enhancing the **EGF's** visibility and other administrative and technical assistance measures. Such measures may cover future and previous

Amendment

1. At the initiative of the Commission, a maximum of 0,5 % of the annual ceiling of the **EFT** may be used **to finance** technical and administrative assistance for its implementation, such as preparatory, monitoring, **data gathering**, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information technology systems, communication activities and those enhancing the **EFT's** visibility and other administrative and technical assistance measures. **Synergies with established monitoring systems of structural change,**

programming periods.

such as the ERM, shall be reinforced.
Such measures may cover future and previous programming periods.

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where the Commission implements technical assistance under indirect management, it shall ensure the transparency of the procedure for designating the third party responsible for carrying out the tasks assigned to it and shall inform all EFT stakeholders, including the European Parliament, of the sub-contractor selected for that purpose.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The Commission's technical assistance shall include the provision of information and guidance to the Member States for using, monitoring and evaluating the **EGF**. The Commission shall also provide information along with clear guidance on using the **EGF** to the European and national social partners. Guidance measures may also include the creation of taskforces in cases of severe economic disruptions in a Member State.

4. The Commission's technical assistance shall include the provision of information and guidance to the Member States for using, monitoring and evaluating the **EFT, including the creation of a helpdesk**. The Commission shall also provide information along with clear guidance on using the **EFT** to the European and national social partners. Guidance measures may also include the creation of taskforces in cases of severe economic disruptions in a Member State.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Member States shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding by providing coherent, effective and targeted information to multiple audiences, including targeted information to beneficiaries, local and regional authorities, social partners, the media and the public.

Amendment

The Member States shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding by providing coherent, effective and targeted information to multiple audiences, including targeted information to beneficiaries, local and regional authorities, social partners, the media and the public. ***The Member States shall ensure that the Union added value of the funding is highlighted and that they assist the data gathering efforts of the Commission in order to enhance budgetary transparency.***

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall maintain and update regularly an online presence, accessible in all official languages of the institutions of the Union, to provide updated information on the ***EGF***, guidance on the submission of applications, as well as information on accepted and rejected applications and on the role of the European Parliament and the Council in the budgetary procedure.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall maintain and update regularly an online presence, accessible in all official languages of the institutions of the Union, to provide updated information on the ***EFT***, guidance on the submission of applications ***and on eligible actions, regularly updated list of contacts in the Member States*** as well as information on accepted and rejected applications and on the role of the European Parliament and the Council in the budgetary procedure.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall implement information and communication activities on *EGF* cases and outcomes based on its experience with the aim of **improving the effectiveness** of the *EGF* and ensuring that Union citizens and workers know about the *EGF*.

Amendment

The Commission shall ***promote the dissemination of existing best practices in the area of communication, and*** implement information and communication activities on *EFT* cases and outcomes based on its experience, with the aim of ***raising the profile of the EFT, raising awareness of the EFT's eligibility criteria and applications procedures, improving the EFT's effectiveness*** and ensuring that Union citizens and workers know about the ***EFT, including citizens and workers in rural areas with difficult access to information.***

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9 and in particular taking into account the number of targeted beneficiaries, the proposed measures and the estimated costs, evaluate and propose ***as quickly as possible*** the amount of a financial contribution from the *EGF*, if any, that may be made within the limits of the resources available.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9 and in particular taking into account the number of targeted beneficiaries, the proposed measures and the estimated costs, evaluate and propose, ***within the deadline laid down in Article 9(4),*** the amount of a financial contribution from the *EFT*, if any, that may be made within the limits of the resources available.

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9, the Commission concludes that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met, it shall immediately initiate the procedure set out in Article 16.

Amendment

3. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9, the Commission concludes that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are met, it shall immediately initiate the procedure set out in Article 16 **and shall notify the applicant Member State.**

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9, the Commission concludes that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are not met, it shall immediately notify the applicant Member State.

Amendment

4. Where, on the basis of the assessment carried out in accordance with Article 9, the Commission concludes that the conditions for a financial contribution under this Regulation are not met, it shall immediately notify the applicant Member State **as well as other concerned stakeholders, including the European Parliament.**

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Member State shall carry out the eligible measures set out in Article 8 as soon as possible, **and** at the latest within 24 months after the date of entry into force of the decision on the financial contribution.

Amendment

2. The Member State shall carry out the eligible measures set out in Article 8 as soon as possible. ***They shall, in any event, be implemented by six months after the date of entry into force of the decision on the financial contribution and carried out*** at the latest within 24 months after the date of entry into force of the decision on the financial contribution.

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where the Commission has concluded that the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the **EGF** are met, it shall submit a **request** for a transfer to the relevant budgetary lines in accordance with Article 31 of the Financial Regulation.

Amendment

1. Where the Commission has concluded that the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the **EFT** are met, it shall submit a **proposal to mobilise it**. ***The decision to mobilise the EFT shall be taken jointly by the European Parliament and the Council within one month of the submission of the proposal to them. The Council shall act by a qualified majority and the European Parliament shall act by a majority of its component members and three fifths of the votes cast.***

At the same time as it submits its proposal for a decision to mobilise the EFT, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a proposal for a transfer to the relevant budgetary lines. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure shall be initiated.

Transfers related to the EFT shall be made in accordance with Article 31 of the Financial Regulation.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *The transfer request needs to be accompanied by a summary of the examination of the eligibility of the application.*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall adopt a decision on a financial contribution, by means of an implementing act, which shall enter into force on the date *the Commission is notified of the approval of the budgetary transfer by the European Parliament and the Council. The decision shall constitute a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110 of the Financial Regulation.*

Amendment

3. The Commission shall adopt a decision on a financial contribution, by means of an implementing act, which shall enter into force on the date *on which* the European Parliament and the Council *adopt* the decision *to mobilise the EFT.*

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. A proposal for a decision to mobilise the EFT pursuant to paragraph 1 shall include the following:

(a) the assessment carried out in

accordance with Article 9(4), together with a summary of the information on which that assessment is based;

(b) evidence that the criteria laid down in Articles 5 and 10 have been met; and

(c) the reasons justifying the amounts proposed.

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16a

Exceptional cases

In exceptional cases and if the remaining financial resources available in the Fund in the year of the occurrence of the major restructuring event are not sufficient to cover the amount of assistance deemed necessary by the budgetary authority, the Commission may propose that the difference be financed through the next year's Fund. The annual budgetary ceiling of the Fund in the year of the occurrence of the major restructuring event and in the following year shall be respected under all circumstances.

Amendment 86

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 19a

Model for the beneficiary survey

The beneficiary survey referred to in point (d) of Article 20(1) shall be based on the model established by the Commission by

means of an implementing act. The Commission shall adopt that implementing act in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 26(2) in order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Article.

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the type of measures and **main** results, explaining the challenges, lessons learned, synergies and complementarities with other EU funds and indicating, whenever possible, the complementarity of measures with those funded by other Union or national programmes in line with the EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring;

Amendment

(a) the type of measures and **the** results **obtained**, explaining the challenges, lessons learned, synergies and complementarities with other EU funds, **particularly ESF+**, and indicating, whenever possible, the complementarity of measures with those funded by other Union or national programmes in line with the EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring;

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the results of a beneficiary survey conducted six months **after** the end of the implementation period, which shall cover the perceived change in the employability of beneficiaries, or for those who already found employment, more information on the quality of employment found, such as the change in working hours, level of responsibility or change of salary level in comparison to previous employment, and

Amendment

(d) the results of a beneficiary survey conducted **within** six months **of** the end of the implementation period, which shall cover the perceived change in the employability of beneficiaries, or for those who already found employment, more information on the quality **and type** of employment found, such as the change in working hours, level of responsibility or change of salary level in comparison to

the sector in which the person found employment and break down this information by gender, age group and education level;

previous employment, and the sector in which the person found employment and break down this information by gender, age group and education level;

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) whether the dismissing enterprise, with the exception of micro enterprises and SMEs, has been a beneficiary of State aid or previous funding from Union cohesion or structural funds in the preceding five years;

Amendment

(e) whether the dismissing enterprise, with the exception of **start-ups**, micro enterprises and SMEs, has been a beneficiary of State aid or previous funding from Union cohesion or structural funds in the preceding five years;

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Not later than at the end of the nineteenth month after the expiry of the period specified in Article 15(3), the Member State concerned shall submit the simple dataset informing on the longer-term result indicator specified in point (3) of the Annex.

Amendment

2. Not later than at the end of the nineteenth month after the expiry of the period specified in Article 15(3), the Member State concerned shall submit the **complete and duly verified** simple dataset informing on the longer-term result indicator specified in point (3) of the Annex.

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By 1 August 2021 and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall

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Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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For the purpose of evaluation referred to in the first subparagraph, the Member States shall collect all available data on EFT cases and assisted workers.

Amendment 94

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The evaluations referred to in paragraph 1 shall include relevant statistics on the financial contributions, broken down by Member State.

Amendment

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Amendment 95

**Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – point 1 – paragraph 1 – indent 9 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- with less than two years of professional experience,***
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- with over 10 years of professional experience.***