

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002820/26
to the Commission
Anthony Smith (The Left)
(8 July 2026)**

Subject: France's invocation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers

In 2007 the EU established the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) to support workers affected by mass redundancies in Europe, primarily in the regions and sectors most at risk of job losses. With a maximum annual endowment of EUR 210 million euros for 2021-2027, it helps laid-off workers find new employment or start a new business, by providing financial support for training, reskilling and reintegration into the labour market.

Since its creation, the EGF has disbursed a total of some EUR 700 to 800 million in support for several hundred thousand workers made redundant across the European Union, although this is considerably under what it could theoretically provide, because Member States have been loath to use the EGF to its fullest extent. In France there are as yet no precise figures on the use of this scheme.

Can the Commission therefore state:

For what reasons, if any, have France and the workers laid off in large-scale redundancy schemes not been able to benefit from this fund?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu on behalf of the European Commission
(1 October 2026)**

Since the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) began operations in 2007, it has been mobilised 12 times following applications from France, with a total allocation of EUR 123 million to offer support to 21 687 workers. Considering only the 2021-2027 period, EUR 23 million has been mobilised to offer support to 2 243 workers, following three applications.

France is the Member State that has received the largest amount of EGF funding, at three times the average amount.

Should the Honourable Member wish to obtain further details, the Commission refers the Honourable Member to the report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the activities of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) in 2023 and 2024 ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0683&qid=1788796077288>.