

PWA International (Ireland)



Reference	EGF/2015/006 IE/PWA International
Member State	Ireland
Sector	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment
Submitted to European Commission	19.6.2015
Total budget planned	737 156
EGF contribution	442 293
Intervention criterion	Article 4(2)
Period of reference	19.12.2014-19.4.2014
Redundancies during period of reference	61 during the reference period and 47 before and after it
Active employment measures	To be provided for 216 workers and NEETs and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Career planning- EGF Training grants- Training and further education programmes- Higher education programmes

BACKGROUND

- Over the past 20 years, the most popular aircraft types have evolved. The future world aircraft fleet is likely to be dominated by single aisle / narrow body aircraft. The proportion of this type is expected to grow from 64% of today's fleet to over 70% of the future fleet, in response to market growth in Asia and replacement of older types.
- In Asia Pacific and the Middle East, ambitious construction plans for new international and domestic airports will provide new opportunities for commercial aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) providers. Given this background, and the growth fuelled by the tendency for West European and US carriers to send their wide-bodied aircraft to China for heavy maintenance, MRO companies have been investing heavily in China in particular and also in the APAC and Middle East regions.
- The 108 workers made redundant by PWA International (and one supplier), around 17 % of whom are more than 55 years old, resided in areas with substantial unemployment and limited job opportunities. The workers possessed some very specific skills that are difficult to apply in other sectors and therefore have only limited job opportunities without additional training courses.
- The application is based on exceptional circumstances, due to these factors and the cumulative effect of three major redundancies in the same sector and region (SR Technics, Lufthansa Technik and PWAI), all of which have been subject to EGF applications.
- The EGF authorities have created a wide range of educational and training opportunities, combined with in-depth analysis of the needs of each worker.
- In addition to the workers, around 100 NEETs will be offered training and educational opportunities.