

Gelderland and Overijssel - Construction



Reference	EGF/2014/002 NL/Gelderland-Overijssel Construction
Member State	Netherlands
Sector	Construction of buildings
Submitted to European Commission	20 February 2014
Total budget planned	€2 709 635
EGF contribution	€1 625 781
Intervention criterion	Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1309/2013
Period of reference	1.3.2013 to 1.12.2013
Redundancies during period of reference	562 in 89 enterprises in the NUTS level 2 regions Gelderland (NL21) and Overijssel (NL22)
Active employment measures	To be provided to 475 beneficiaries and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Job search assistance and intakes - General training and re-training measures - Outplacement assistance - Mobility pool support

BACKGROUND

- There are three main reasons for the negative trend in production and employment in the construction sector and especially the construction of buildings. These are all related to the financial and economic crisis: the policy of banks to implement more stringent rules for the provision of mortgages and credits; the austerity measures of the government to reduce national debt and budget deficit, thus reducing public spending; and the sharp decline of prices and values on the housing market, which makes it difficult to sell and buy houses.
- The construction sector has been in constant decline in the Netherlands since 2008, when the turnover on a yearly basis was positive for the last time. Until now, the negative trend in production development has persisted.
- About 60 000 persons were employed in the construction sector in Gelderland and 39 500 person in Overijssel, representing respectively 6,3% and 7,3% of the working population in those regions. In 2011 the sector contributed to 12 % of the GDP in Gelderland and 8,4% in Overijssel.
- The number of unemployed in the construction sector in Gelderland and Overijssel comprise 39 % of the total number of unemployed in the sector. The number of unemployed has doubled in the period January 2011 – December 2013.