

Carsid



Reference	EGF/2013/002 BE/Carsid
Member State	Belgium
Sector	Steel
Submitted to European Commission	2.4.2013
Total budget planned	€1 823 869
EGF contribution	€911 935
Intervention criterion	2(a) – globalisation
Period of reference	28.9.2012-28.1.2013
Redundancies during period of reference	939
Active employment measures	To be provided to 752 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Job-search assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Support and guidance for occupational redeployment and employment integration - Training and re-training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Vocational training courses in various fields of skills and competences o Transfer of experience by encouraging certain workers to train to become vocational teachers

BACKGROUND

- There has been a rapid decline of the EU's market share in the sector of the production of continuously-cast crude steel at worldwide level in recent years. Between 2006 and 2011, at worldwide level, the EU-27's market share in the production of continuously-cast crude steel (in volume terms) decreased from 17.1 % to 11.9 %, whereas, by contrast, China's market share increased from 35.5 % to 46.8 %, while production at worldwide level also increased from 1 149.6 million tonnes to 1 438.3 million tonnes.

- The closure of the Carsid plant near Charleroi in 2012/2013 follows the temporary cessation of production activities since 2008 when workers were put on temporary unemployment, time-credit schemes or reduced working time, with the expectation that production would resume in the short-term.

- These redundancies affect the area of Charleroi in the province of Hainaut, in the Walloon Region. The area of Charleroi is a former coal-mining and steelmaking area in which employment is strongly dependant on traditional heavy industry. It is characterised by a high level of unemployment, with a high proportion of long-term unemployment and low qualification levels and skills levels. These redundancies are linked to the redundancies addressed in application EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainaut steel (Duferco-NLMK) as Carsid was a supplier to Duferco.