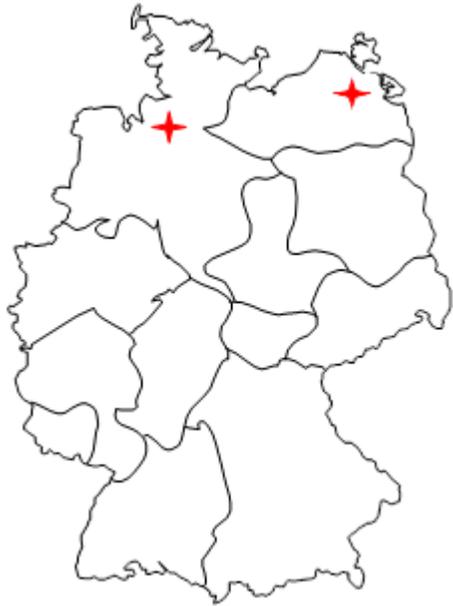


Aleo Solar



Reference	EGF/2014/014 Aleo Solar
Member State	Germany
Sector	Solar modules
Submitted to European Commission	29 July 2014
Total budget planned	€1 824 601
EGF contribution	€1 094 760
Intervention criterion	Trade related globalisation
Period of reference	7 March 2014 - 7 July 2014
Redundancies during period of reference	657
Active employment measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vocational training leading to qualifications, - careers advice and guidance, - peergroups / workshops, - entrepreneurship advice, - inter-regional advice, - job search, - follow-up mentoring (advice and job safeguard), - training allowance, - activation premium.
<p>To be given to 476 workers, and include :</p>	

BACKGROUND

- The redundancies arose from the closure of the two sites in Germany of Aleo Solar -- the production site in Prenzlau (533 redundancies) and the administrative centre in Oldenburg (104 redundancies).
- Aleo Solar is one of many European solar enterprises that have shut down production wholly or partially in response to competition from the Far East, particularly China. Between 2005 and 2011, the revenue share of China in the world market increased from 11 % to 45 %, while that of Germany fell from 64 % to 21 %. The only other EU Member State with a significant production is Spain, at 1 %.
- China has huge overcapacities in solar modules, which neither its own consumers nor the world market can absorb. This has led to a worldwide collapse in prices, aggravated by a general decline in demand. More than 90 % of Chinese production is exported, of which 80 % into the EU. In 2011, EU prices dropped by 40 % compared with 2010, to a level below the production costs of Aleo Solar.
- The measures to be co-funded by the EGF are targeted at the redundant workers in the Prenzlau area, where alternative employment prospects are scarce and workers need to be upskilled and helped to move elsewhere to find new jobs.