

Adam Opel - Germany



Reference	EGF/2015/002 DE/Adam Opel
Member State	Germany
Sector	Division 29 (Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers)
Submitted to European Commission	26 February 2015
Total budget planned	€11 597 706
EGF contribution	€6 958 623
Intervention criterion	Article 4(1)(a) of the EGF Regulation
Period of reference	15 August 2014 – 15 December 2014
Redundancies during period of reference	2881
Active employment measures	To be provided for 2692 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocational training measures; - career guidance; - peer groups / workshops; - business start-up advisory services; - job search / job fairs; - and follow-up mentoring and advisory services; - and training allowances.

BACKGROUND

- The Opel plant in Bochum manufactured passenger cars. The application is justified by a significant drop of car sales in Europe (25% decrease between 2007 and 2013) as a consequence of the global financial and economic crisis.
- The event giving rise to these redundancies is the permanent closure of the Opel plant in Bochum at the end of December 2014. The closure was announced in June 2014. Following this, 2881 workers were made redundant by Adam Opel AG and Johnson Controls Objekt Bochum GmbH & Co. KG, a supplier of Adam Opel AG. The Opel management justified the closure of the Bochum plant by a significant overcapacity arising from the drop of car sales in Europe.
- The redundancies have a significant adverse impact on the local economy in Bochum. Bochum is a city in the Ruhr area which has been facing tremendous structural challenges since the 1960s. The unemployment rate in the Ruhr area already reaches levels far above the German average. The absence of a transfer company in the case of Opel would have caused a rise in the number of unemployed people in Bochum by more than 5 %.