

Gruppo Alitalia



Reference	EGF/2015/004 Alitalia
Member State	Italy
Sector	Air transport
Submitted to European Commission	24.3.2015
Total budget planned	8 813 140
EGF contribution	5 287 884
Intervention criterion	Article 4(1)(a)
Period of reference	31.8.2014-30.12.2014
Redundancies during period of reference	1 247
Active employment measures	To be provided for 1 152 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intake and skill assessment - Active job-search support - Training - Reimbursement of mobility costs - Hiring benefits for over 50s

BACKGROUND

- EU international scheduled passenger traffic has been growing below the world average over the past seven years leading to a decrease of the EU-27's market share in air transport measured in revenue passenger-kilometres (RPK) whilst Middle East companies along with Turkish airlines recorded the highest growth (double digit percentages every year).
- Over the period 2004 to 2014 international passenger traffic from/to Italy and the UAE, where the carriers Emirates and Etihad are based, grew on average 21 % each year. The number of passengers increased six fold, from 297 268 in 2004 to 1,7 million in 2014. In the case of Turkey and Turkish Airlines, the average annual increase was 18 % and the passengers carried from/to Italy increased fivefold, from 426 818 to 2 million passengers over the same period. This huge increase in the number of passengers carried occurred at the expense of mainly Alitalia.
- The redundancies in Alitalia were triggered by the decrease in the number of passenger transported in 2014 back to the figures in 2010 (which represent a decline by 3,6 % compared to 2013 and by 6,4 % compared with 2012) coupled with the losses accumulated since the full privatisation of Alitalia in 2009, which in Q1 2014 were EUR 1 137 million.
- Over the period 2008-2013, employment in the Italian air transport sector declined almost by 20 % . The redundancies from Gruppo Alitalia will further aggravate an already difficult employment situation.