

País Vasco metal - Spain



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| Reference | EGF/2021/001 ES/ País Vasco metal | |
| Member State | Spain | |
| Sector | Fabricated metal products | |
| Submitted to European Commission | 25 June 2021 | |
| Total budget planned | EUR | 1 428 950 |
| EGF contribution | EUR | 1 214 607 |
| Intervention criterion | Article 4(2)(b) of the EGF Regulation 2021-2027, | |
| Period of reference | 2 June 2020 – 2 December 2020 | |
| Displacements during period of reference | 491 | |
| Active employment measures | <p>To be provided for 300 workers and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information sessions. Welcome and profiling sessions; - occupational guidance; - up-skilling and re-skilling training and training in key and horizontal competencies; - intensive job-search assistance; - support for business creation and contributions to business start up; - participation, job-search and training allowances. | |

BACKGROUND

- In the second quarter of 2020, Spain introduced strict lockdown measures necessary to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. This has had a significant impact on the activity and turnover of the businesses operating in the manufacture of fabricated metal products sector, with negative consequences on employment and on the liquidity of businesses.
- A third of all enterprises manufacturing fabricated metal products in Spain experienced a decrease between 30% and 50% of both production and turnover, compared to the previous year.
- In the Basque region, the fabricated metal products sector represents around a quarter of the gross value added of the industry.
- Unemployment in the Basque region, especially in the metal sector, started increasing dramatically since March 2020. In August 2020, 25% more people were unemployed than six months earlier. Job losses in the industry sector have been greater than in all other sectors together.
- In this context, the regional authorities expect that, unless they receive additional and personalised support, most displaced workers will have great difficulties in finding new jobs, especially older workers and workers with a low level of education.