

Attica electrical equipment manufacturing



Reference	EGF/2021/008 EL Attica electrical equipment manufacturing
Member State	Greece
Sector	Electrical equipment manufacturing
Submitted to European Commission	21 December 2021
Total budget planned	EUR 1 759 800
EGF contribution	EUR 1 495 830
Intervention criterion	Article 4(2)(b) of the Regulation (EU) 2021/691
Period of reference	1 April 2021 – 1 October 2021
Displacements during period of reference	206
Active employment measures	To be provided for all redundant workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professional counselling – Training in digital skills – Vocational training /education – Higher education – Contribution to business start-up – Incentives (occupational counselling allowance; training in digital skills allowance; vocational training / education allowance; higher education allowance)

BACKGROUND

- Greece applied for EGF support to assist 206 displaced workers in the economic sector classified under NACE Revision 2 division 27 (Manufacture of electrical equipment).
- The producers of household appliances in Greece faced difficulties, including the shortages in domestic supply of electrical components and increasing productions costs, along with the need of digital transformation and automation to better compete in the global market.
- The redundancies resulted due to combination of factors. Firstly, the largest number of job losses (166 displacements) occurred because of the decision to close Pitsos' production department and to move its production to Turkey, where the costs of the production are lower.
- With regard to the redundancies in 5 other enterprises, Greece argued that the producers has fallen behind digital and technological transformation. In addition, the workforce was lacking behind the skills to adapt to the rapidly transforming digital economy. This has led to a loss of competitiveness and to a certain job losses.
- The displaced workers will face difficulties of re-employment as most of them (81%) possessed lower secondary education or less. Moreover, almost a quarter (24.1%) of Attica population are at risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- The measures offered will increase their chances of finding a job on the open labour market, or support those who want to start their own business.