

## Alu Ibérica - Spain



<b>Reference</b>	EGF/2022/003 ES/ Alu Ibérica
<b>Member State</b>	Spain
<b>Sector</b>	Manufacture of basic metals
<b>Submitted to European Commission</b>	30 November 2022
<b>Total budget planned</b>	EUR 1 500 000
<b>EGF contribution (85%)</b>	EUR 1 275 000
<b>Intervention criterion</b>	Article 4(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/691
<b>Period of reference</b>	10 May 2022 – 10 September 2022
<b>Redundancies during period of reference</b>	303
<b>Active employment measures</b>	To be provided for all 303 workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information sessions and preparatory workshops;</li> <li>- occupational guidance;</li> <li>- training and re-training;</li> <li>- intensive job-search assistance;</li> <li>- promotion of entrepreneurship;</li> <li>- tutoring after reintegration into work;</li> <li>- allowances (participation incentives, contributions to the cost of careers, contribution to commuting cost, and outplacement incentives).</li> </ul>

### BACKGROUND

- The primary aluminium industry is an energy-intensive industry, which is therefore highly dependent on competitive and stable electricity prices. The rise in inflation, in particular the increase in prices of raw materials and energy, also due to Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine, has impacted this and other industries. Some smelters had to reduce aluminium production, while others stopped production temporarily or indefinitely (like Alu Ibérica).
- The redundancies are in the Spanish region of Galicia and in particular the town of A Coruña. The closure of Alu Ibérica has a significant impact on the labour market and the economy of A Coruña, due to its size (more than 250 employees and a turnover of more than €130 million), in a territory where 93% of businesses have five or less employees.
- The unemployment rate in Galicia stood at 10.6% in Q4 2022, which is 4.5 percentage points higher than the EU average (6.1%) in the same period. The unemployment rate in A Coruña was 13.1%, in January 2023.
- The redundancies at Alu Ibérica have a particular impact on workers aged 45 years and older, whose chances to find work tend to be low in the local labour market. Also considering the economic situation impacted by the current geopolitical context, Alu Ibérica former workers will need additional and targeted support to increase their chances of finding new jobs.