

## Construction of buildings



<b>Reference</b>	EGF/2009/017
<b>Member State</b>	Lithuania
<b>Sector</b>	Construction of buildings
<b>Submitted to European Commission</b>	23 September 2009
<b>Total budget planned</b>	€1 721 374
<b>EGF contribution</b>	€1 118 893
<b>Intervention criterion</b>	Article 2 (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
<b>Period of reference</b>	16 October 2008 to 15 July 2009
<b>Redundancies during period of reference</b>	1612 redundancies in the construction sector. The application concerns personalised measure to be provided to the 806 workers still in need of assistance at the time of the application.
<b>Active employment measures</b>	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the provision of information on employment opportunities,</li> <li>- the development of personalised employment plans,</li> <li>- job-search assistance,</li> <li>- training and re-training,</li> <li>- outplacement assistance,</li> <li>- promotion of entrepreneurship,</li> <li>- job-search allowances and training allowances.</li> </ul>

### BACKGROUND

- Redundancies follow the steep slowdown in the construction sector as a result of the economic crisis.
- Lithuania has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the EU and alternative employment opportunities are few and far between.
- The slowdown in the construction sector was unforeseen as it was performing well before the onset of the economic crisis.
- The whole of Lithuania is affected, and the application concerns workers in the entire country. A total of 128 enterprises, mostly small and medium-sized enterprises, are cited in the application as having made workers redundant during the reference period.