

Wearing apparel



Reference	EGF/2009/018
Member State	Lithuania
Sector	Manufacture of wearing apparel
Submitted to European Commission	23 September 2009
Total budget planned	€805 355
EGF contribution	€523 481
Intervention criterion	Article 2 (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of reference	16 October 2008 to 15 July 2009
Redundancies during period of reference	1154 redundancies in the clothing sector. The application concerns personalised measure to be provided to the 491 workers still in need of assistance at the time of the application.
Active employment measures	Including: - the provision of information on employment opportunities, - the development of personalised employment plans, - job-search assistance, - training and re-training, - outplacement assistance, - promotion of entrepreneurship, - job-search allowances and training allowances.

BACKGROUND

- Redundancies follow the steep slowdown in the clothing 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.
- Although the clothing and textile sectors have been vulnerable in Europe for some time, the depth of the economic and financial crisis placed greater strains on the sector than had been anticipated..
- The whole of Lithuania is affected, and the application concerns workers in the entire country. A total of 45 enterprises, mostly small and medium-sized enterprises, are cited in the application as having made workers redundant during the reference period.