

Cataluña Textile



Reference	EGF/2008/005
Member State	Spain
Sector	Textiles
Submitted to European Commission	29 December 2008
Total expenditure	€1 064 232
EGF contribution	€532 116
Intervention criterion	Article 2 (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of implementation	29 December 2008 to 29 December 2009
Redundancies during period of reference	1 269 redundancies in 30 enterprises during the reference period, plus 451 eligible redundancies in the following two months
Active employment measures	to be provided to 1,100 workers, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - guidance, - outplacement assistance - job-search allowances, - training and re-training, - support for entrepreneurship, - outplacement incentives,

LESSONS LEARNT / GOOD PRACTICES

- Using its own resources the Member State started the implementation of the measures at the beginning of 2009. Unfortunately some measures were provided to the workers only when EU-funds were made available –two months before end of the implementation period– and thus they were partially implemented due to the short time left. However, at their expenses, the MS decided to extend the implementation of the measures four more months.
- Of the 1 100 targeted redundant workers: 587 (53,36 %) benefited from one or several measures co-funded by the EGF; a further 387 (35,18 %) benefited from measures during the extra four months.
- The EGF allows greater flexibility in the measures to support the redundant workers and gives the opportunity of acting quicker and more intensively on the territory affected by the redundancies.
- The local authorities are applying, as far as possible, the EGF methodology to other programmes focused also in reintegration into employment.
- The workers showed a high commitment to the activities in which they participated and participants' general opinion on the measures was very positive.
- The number of participants in the measures was higher than expected for some of the measures and in particular for 'Intensive job-search assistance'. This measure was provided to twice of the estimated number of workers.