

Arnsberg and Düsseldorf automotive



Reference	EGF/2011/003 DE Arnsberg and Düsseldorf automotive
Member State	Germany
Sector	Automotive
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Total budget planned	€6 689 028
EGF contribution	€ 4 347 868
Intervention criterion	Article 2b (b) Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006
Period of reference	1.3.2010 – 1.12.2010
Redundancies during period of reference	778
Active employment measures	To be provided for all workers and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Job search allowance - Training courses leading to qualifications - In-depth guidance for business start-up - Workshops and peer groups - International and national labour market guidance - Activation supplement - Placement research - Counselling and supporting in case of a new job and or unemployment

BACKGROUND

- As a consequence of the crisis, demand for new motor vehicles in the EU decreased in 2009 by 5,6 % compared to 2008 and by 13,3 compared to the pre-crisis year 2007. Faced with this drop in demand, manufacturers of motor vehicles reduced their production even more drastically. In 2009, the production of motor vehicles in the EU decreased by 17 % compared to 2008 and by 23 % compared to 2007.
- As Germany is the biggest motor vehicle manufacturing country in the EU, the crisis had severe consequences for its automotive industry. In 2009 the production of motor vehicles in Germany dropped by 13,8 % compared to 2008 and by 16,1 % compared to 2007. The suppliers to the automotive industry were more severely impacted than the main manufacturers. In 2009, turnover for the motor vehicles manufacturers in Germany decreased by 20 % compared to 2008, whereas for the suppliers to these manufacturers the decrease for the same period was 26 %.
- Of the 759 redundancies 535 occurred in the administrative district of Arnsberg and 224 in the administrative district of Düsseldorf. Arnsberg, a region with economic sectors that are largely export oriented (automotive and metal industry as well as the manufacturing of machinery) has been severely hit by the crisis. In addition, the employment rate in Arnsberg was already affected by the dismissals by Nokia in Bochum, for which an EGF contribution was granted following application EGF/2009/002 DE/Nokia and will be further hit by the announced 1 200 redundancies at the General Motors Europe plant also located in Bochum. Düsseldorf is characterised by an unemployment rate that is generally higher than the average for North Rhine Westphalia and Germany.
- In December 2009 the unemployment rate reached 10,5 % both in Düsseldorf and Arnsberg against 9,6 % for North Rhine Westphalia and 8,7 % for Germany. In December 2010 this rate was 10,0 % in Düsseldorf, 9,7 % in Arnsberg, 9 % in North Rhine Westphalia and 8 % for Germany.