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# EGF & No-Deal Brexit



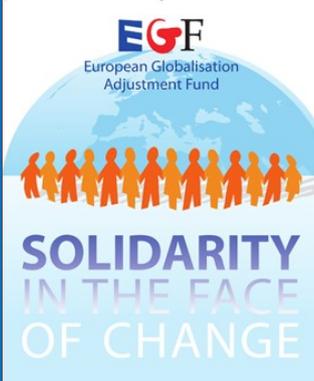
## EGF IN IRELAND

To date, Ireland has had 10 EGF Programmes.

Some 10,200 former workers have been assisted.

Over 400 young people not in employment, education or training have also been assisted.

Total expenditure on Ireland's completed EGF programmes was €65.2m, of which over €41.5m was co-funded by the EGF.



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## What is the EGF?

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) is an EU solidarity fund to assist Member States to support workers made redundant and self-employed people whose activity has ceased as a result of changes in world trade due to globalisation or the global financial and economic crisis.

## Can it be used for a no-deal Brexit?

The Rules governing the EGF are being amended to allow the Fund to support workers made redundant due to a no-deal Brexit. The Irish EGF Managing Authority is represented on the Brexit Liaison Group established by the Departments of Employment Affairs and Social Protection and Education and Skills to plan and co-ordinate responses to the employment situation in each region with a view to supporting affected workers. The EGF Managing Authority will assess the potential for EGF support in the context of job losses caused by a no-deal Brexit.

## When can the EGF be used?

Member States apply for EGF support on a case by case basis, which can be in respect of a specific company, economic sector or region. Generally, there must be at least **500** redundancies in a specific company (including suppliers / downstream producers) in a 4 month period, or in a specific sector in a 9 month period. Applications can be made on exceptional grounds where the redundancies have a serious impact on employment and the local, regional or national economy. Applications can be made in respect of SME redundancies in different economic sectors where the Member State demonstrates that SMEs are the main or only type of business in the region.

## How much funding is available?

The EGF has a maximum annual budget of €150 million over the period 2014-2020. It can fund up to 60% of the cost of supports put in place with the balance of programme costs being met by the Member State. Cases approved on exceptional circumstances grounds cannot exceed 15% of the total annual EU budget.

## Who can apply for support from the EGF?

Applications for EGF support can only be made by Member States and must be made within 12 weeks of the end of the reference period. The EGF Managing Authority in the Department of Education and Skills is responsible for preparing and submitting EGF applications in Ireland.

## What supports can the EGF co-finance?

The EGF co-finances measures put in place by Member States. These can include:

- help with looking for a job
- careers advice
- education, training and re-training
- mentoring and coaching
- entrepreneurship and business creation.

It can also co-finance mobility / relocation allowances, subsistence allowances or similar supports (capped at 35% of total costs).

Approved EGF programmes are of 24 months duration.



## What information is needed for an EGF application?

A reasoned analysis of the link between the job losses and a no-deal Brexit with clear statistical and background evidence is required along with a description of the impact on the economy and employment. Details of the job losses by economic sector and their timing along with proof of termination and individual worker details are required.

Details of the proposed package of personalised services, including expenditure details and consultations undertaken are also required.

## Who is eligible for support?

Workers who were made redundant or whose activity ceased during the 4 or 9 month reference period and whose redundancy was counted towards the 500 threshold are eligible for support.

In company-specific applications, workers made redundant outside the reference period may also be eligible subject to certain conditions.



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