



Report on the 29th Meeting of the Contact Persons of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF)

Brussels, 5 October 2023

This document provides a concise summary of the meeting. The presentations are available on the EGF website.

1. Introduction and welcome by Ms Fabienne Lévy – Head of Unit “EGF and Shared Management”, DG EMPL, and adoption of the agenda

2. Update on EGF since the last Contact Persons meeting

2.1 Final reports, closures and applications

The Commission presented the state of play of EGF final reports, closures, recoveries, and applications received.

Member States were then asked to inform about their planned applications. Denmark informed about the new planned EGF application to support laid-off workers from Danish Crown butchery. Italy is exploring possibility of an EGF application in the air transport sector, while Germany is considering an application in the steel sector.

3. Teleworking and the new geography of work – presentation by Eurofound

EUROFOUND presented their latest research findings on remote work post-COVID. The presentation focused on teleworkable jobs, incidence of telework both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic and provided some insights into the future of remote work.

There is an increase in teleworkable employment since the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the actual share of teleworkable jobs in Europe accounted for 37%, which increased to 39% in 2022. However, the majority of jobs are not teleworkable.

In the EU27 overall, working from home has doubled compared to its pre-crisis level, growing from 10% in 2021 to over 20% by the year 2022.

There is a large variation across EU countries in remote working incidence pre and post-COVID. In Bulgaria and Romania, the proportion of teleworking was less than 1% in 2019, but it increased to 3% by 2022. In several EU countries, such as FI, LU, NL, SE, the rate of teleworking remained consistently high, exceeding 30% both before and after the COVID-19 crisis.

The full presentation is available on the EGF website.

4. Member States’ communication activities and planned events, Next EGF Contact Persons meeting, AOB and wrap-up of the meeting

The representative from Finland informed that the Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment organised a closing seminar for the EGF Finnair case on 18, January 2023.

The next EGF Contact Persons meeting will be held online in the first half of 2024, if needed. The next in-person meeting will possibly take place in the second half of 2024.