Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at,

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: Noord Holland and Zuid Holland Division 58/Netherlands

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European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2010 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2009/024 NL/Noord Holland and Zuid Holland Division 58 from the Netherlands) (COM(2010)0532 – C7-0314/2010 – 2010/2230(BUD))

(2012/C 99 E/32)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2010)0532 – C7-0314/2010),

— having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management [1] (IIA of 17 May 2006), and in particular point 28 thereof,

— having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund [2] (EGF Regulation),

— having regard to the letter of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A7-0320/2010),

A. whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate legislative and budgetary instruments to provide additional support to workers who are suffering from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns and to assist their reintegration into the labour market,

B. whereas the scope of the EGF was broadened for applications submitted from 1 May 2009 to include support for workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis,

C. whereas the Union's financial assistance to workers made redundant should be dynamic and made available as quickly and efficiently as possible, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted during the conciliation meeting on 17 July 2008, and having due regard for the IIA of 17 May 2006 in respect of the adoption of decisions to mobilise the EGF,

[1] OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

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D. whereas the Netherlands has requested assistance in respect of cases concerning 598 redundancies in eight enterprises operating in the NACE Revision 2 Division 58 (publishing activities) in the two contiguous NUTS II regions Noord Holland and Zuid Holland,

E. whereas the application fulfils the eligibility criteria set up by the EGF Regulation,

1. Requests the institutions involved to make the necessary efforts to accelerate the mobilisation of the EGF;

2. Recalls the institutions' commitment to ensuring a smooth and rapid procedure for the adoption of the decisions on the mobilisation of the EGF, providing one-off, time-limited individual support geared to helping workers who have suffered redundancies as a result of globalisation and the financial and economic crisis; emphasises the role that the EGF can play in the reintegration of workers made redundant into the labour market;

3. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 6 of the EGF Regulation, it should be ensured that the EGF supports the reintegration of individual redundant workers into employment; reiterates that assistance from the EGF must not replace actions which are the responsibility of companies by virtue of national law or collective agreements, nor measures restructuring companies or sectors;

4. Notes that the information provided on the coordinated package of personalised services to be funded from the EGF includes detailed information on the complementarity with actions funded by the Structural Funds; reiterates its call to present a comparative evaluation of these data in its annual reports as well, including an evaluation of the effects these temporary and personalised services have on the long-term reintegration into the labour market of the workers who have been made redundant;

5. Welcomes the fact that, in the context of mobilising the EGF, an alternative source of payment appropriations to unused European Social Fund has been proposed by the Commission, following the frequent reminders by the European Parliament that the EGF was created as a separate specific instrument with its own objectives and deadlines and that appropriate budget lines for transfers must therefore be identified;

6. Notes however that, in order to mobilise the EGF for this case, payment appropriations will be transferred from a budget line dedicated to the support of SMEs and innovation; regrets the severe shortcomings of the Commission when implementing the programmes on competitiveness and innovation, particularly during an economic crisis which should significantly increase the need for such support;

7. Recalls that the functioning and the added value of the EGF should be evaluated in the context of the general assessment of the programmes and various other instruments created by the IIA of 17 May 2006 within the process of the 2007-2013 Multiannual Financial Framework mid-term review;

8. Welcomes the new format of the Commission's proposal, which presents in its explanatory memorandum clear and detailed information on the application, analyses the eligibility criteria and explains the reasons which led to its approval, which is in line with Parliament's requests;

9. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

10. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

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DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

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on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2009/024 NL/Noord Holland and Zuid Holland Division 58 from the Netherlands)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management [1], and in particular point 28 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund [2], and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) was established to provide additional support for workers made redundant as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns due to globalisation and to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

(2) The scope of the EGF was broadened for applications submitted from 1 May 2009 to include support for workers made redundant as a direct result of the global financial and economic crisis.

(3) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the EGF within the annual ceiling of EUR 500 million.

(4) The Netherlands submitted an application on 30 December 2009 to mobilise the EGF, in respect of redundancies in eight enterprises operating in NACE Revision 2 Division 58 (publishing activities) in the two contiguous NUTS II regions Noord Holland (NL32) and Zuid Holland (NL33) and supplemented it with additional information up to 31 May 2010. This application complies with the requirements for determining the financial contributions as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006. The Commission, therefore, proposes to mobilise an amount of EUR 2 326 459.

(5) The EGF should, therefore, be mobilised in order to provide a financial contribution for the application submitted by the Netherlands,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 2 326 459 in commitment and payment appropriations.

[1] OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

Article 2

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Done at,

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*

Aid granted in the framework of the German alcohol monopoly ***I

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European Parliament legislative resolution of 23 November 2010 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (Single CMO Regulation) as regards the aid granted in the framework of the German Alcohol Monopoly (COM(2010)0336 – C7-0157/2010 – 2010/0183(COD))

(2012/C 99 E/33)

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2010)0336),

— having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to the Parliament (C7-0157/2010),

— having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 15 September 2010 [1],

— having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 8 November 2010 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A7-0305/2010),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;

3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

[1] Not yet published in the Official Journal.