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to the Commission**

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Subject: Making better use of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in the EU's new trade strategy

In its communication entitled 'Trade for All: Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy', published in October 2015, the Commission states that making EU trade policy more effective involves, among other things, ensuring that tools such as the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) are working at full capacity. Specifically, the Commission points out that all the funds allocated to the EGF could be used if the intervention criteria set in Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 were expanded.

In the Commission's view, which of the criteria governing access to EGF financing should be revised in order to make this tool more effective and ensure that it is working at full capacity?

What were the annual take-up rates for funds allocated to the EGF since its introduction, and how much funding was left unused each year as a result of excessively rigid intervention criteria?

Will the Commission revise Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 so that new intervention criteria enabling better use to be made of the EFG can be applied in the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020?