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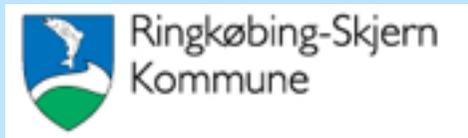
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Your partner for innovative projects in the fields of employment policy, regional development, business creation, vocational training, mentoring, and counselling.



The EUROPEAN GLOBALISATION ADJUSTMENT FUND



Winds of Opportunities

About EGF

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund helps workers find new jobs and develop new skills when they have lost their jobs as a result of changing global trade patterns, e.g. when a large company or a sector dismisses more than 500 people at a time, when a company shuts down or when a factory is moved to outside the EU. The EGF can help by financing measures such as:

job-search assistance, careers advice, tailor-made training and re-training, mentoring, promoting entrepreneurship

or by providing one-off, time-limited individual support, such as: job-search allowances, mobility allowances, allowances for participating in lifelong learning and training activities.

Further information: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/egf>

Winds of Opportunities

The Municipality of Ringkøbing-Skjern was once the cradle of renewable energy, where Vestas started to become the world's largest manufacturer of wind turbines. But in 2009 the globalisation process started and Vestas drastically reduced its production in Denmark, moving to major growth areas in the world - Asia, South America, and in the future Africa. In 2009/2010 over 900 people were made redundant, in the 2012 more than 1,400 people were dismissed with more redundancies to be expected in 2013.

Fortunately, there is help from the EGF. The municipality is now implementing its two further EGF projects, Vestas - Winds of Opportunities and Winds of Change in cooperation with other affected municipalities, mainly Favrskov, Randers, Aarhus, and Varde. The total budget is approx. 28,000,000 EURO. EGF funding is 50% of the total costs of the measures.

Mentoring, coaching, counselling

Education and training packages

Microfinance for start-ups
(up to 25,000 EURO)

Outplacements with coaches

The measures support local, regional, national, and European growth strategies, especially in the field of clean-tech, sustainable development, the creative and tourist industries as well as entrepreneurship.

Up-skilling the unemployed means contributing to the development of healthy and sustainable growth in Denmark and in the EU.

The EGF service team wishes to establish networks at local, regional, national, and international levels to share best practices, in order to improve the chances of the unemployed and to contribute to a brighter Europe.