

2022 general budget: all sections

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PURPOSE: presentation of the draft EU budget for 2022 by the European Commission.

CONTENT: the draft budget 2022 reflects the Union's priorities under the **Multiannual Financial Framework** (MFF) for the period 2021-2027. It is reinforced by additional funding from **NextGenerationEU** (NGEU), an exceptional instrument set up on a temporary basis to provide the EU budget with the additional firepower to launch essential response measures to the COVID-19 crisis.

The draft budget for 2022, reinforced by NGEU, will mobilise investments to stimulate economic recovery, preserve sustainability and create jobs. Priority will be given to green and digital spending to make Europe more resilient and better prepared for the future. A significant part of the funds will therefore be dedicated to combatting climate change, in line with the target to spend 30% of the long-term budget and the NextGenerationEU recovery instrument on this policy priority.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS (at current prices)

The draft budget 2022 sets appropriations of **EUR 167.8 billion in commitments**, and **EUR 169.4 billion in payments**, including special instruments. NextGenerationEU, which will provide an additional EUR 807 billion in current prices over the period 2021-2023, will reinforce the key programmes by an additional **EUR 143.5 billion** in commitment appropriations as assigned revenue to the 2022 budget.

Overall, in 2022, **EUR 311.3 billion** will be available in commitment appropriations, complemented by up to EUR 194.8 billion in loans to Member States.

DRAFT BUDGET 2022 BY MFF HEADINGS 2021-2027

The Commission proposes to allocate the following amounts (in commitment appropriations):

Heading 1 - Single market, innovation and digital: EUR 21.6 billion

- EUR 13.1 billion for research and innovation, including EUR 12.2 billion for Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship research programme. This could benefit from an additional EUR 1.8 billion from the NGEU;
- EUR 5.5 billion for European strategic investments, including EUR 1.2 billion for the InvestEU programme, EUR 2.8 billion for the European Interconnection Facility and EUR 1.2 billion for the Digital Europe programme. The InvestEU programme could benefit from an additional EUR 1.8 billion from the NGEU;
- EUR 905 million to ensure the functioning of the single market, including EUR 584 million for the single market programme and almost EUR 200 million for work on anti-fraud, taxation and customs;
- EUR 2.1 billion for spending dedicated to space.

Heading 2 - Cohesion, resilience and values: EUR 56.1 billion

- EUR 118.4 billion in NGEU grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the centrepiece of the EU's recovery instrument, to mitigate the economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and to prepare EU economies and societies for the challenges posed by the green and digital transitions;

- EUR 36.5 billion for regional development and cohesion. 10.8 billion from NGEU to support crisis response and post-crisis damage repair;

- EUR 17.9 billion for investment in human capital, social cohesion and values, including EUR 13.3 billion for the European Social Fund Plus, EUR 3.4 billion for Erasmus+, EUR 401 million to support creators across Europe and EUR 253 million to promote justice, rights and values;

- EUR 789 million for the EU Health Programme to provide a comprehensive health response to citizens' needs, and RescEU could benefit from an additional EUR 680 million from the NGEU.

Heading 3 - Natural resources and environment: EUR 56.1 billion

- EUR 53.0 billion for the Common Agricultural Policy and EUR 972 million for the European Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF). The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) could benefit from an additional EUR 5.7 billion from the NGEU;

- EUR 1.9 billion for environment and climate action, including EUR 708 million for the LIFE programme to support climate change mitigation and adaptation, and EUR 1.2 billion for the Just Transition Fund (JTF). The latter could benefit from an additional EUR 4.3 billion from the NGEU.

Heading 4 - Migration and border management: EUR 3.1 billion

- EUR 1.3 billion for migration-related expenditure, including EUR 1.1 billion for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) which will contribute to the effective management of migration flows and the development of the common asylum and migration policy;

- EUR 1.9 billion for the protection of external borders and the harmonised implementation of the common visa policy, including EUR 780 million for the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF) and EUR 758 million for the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex).

Heading 5 - Security and defence: EUR 1.8 billion

- EUR 600 million for security, including EUR 227 million for the Internal Security Fund (ISF) to fight terrorism, radicalisation, organised crime and cybercrime;

- EUR 1.2 billion to address defence and common security challenges, including EUR 950 million to support capacity building and research under the European Defence Fund (EDF), and EUR 232 million for military mobility.

Heading 6 - Neighbourhood and the World: EUR 16.7 billion

- EUR 12.5 billion for the Neighbourhood, Development Cooperation and International Cooperation Instrument - Europe in the World (NDICI), whose priorities for 2022 include responding to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, including support for vaccination efforts and for economic recovery and stability in partner countries.

- EUR 1.9 billion to assist candidate and potential candidate countries in meeting the requirements of the EU accession process, mainly through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III).

Heading 7 - European public administration: EUR 10.9 billion

The European public administration has demonstrated its remarkable capacity to adapt to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure quality and continuity in the face of unprecedented challenges.

The draft budget proposal for 2022 puts the focus on investments in information technology and transitioning into more collaborative working spaces, made possible by reducing the costs related to missions. The transition to more flexible working arrangements should be accompanied by a rationalisation of the building stock, which will be implemented over the coming years.