General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2026 - all sections

2025/0210(BUD) - 26/11/2025 - Budgetary joint text approved by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 419 votes to 185, with 53 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving the **draft general budget** of the European Union for the financial year 2026, approved by the Conciliation Committee under the budgetary procedure.

According to the elements for joint conclusions:

- the overall level of **commitment appropriations** in the 2026 budget is set at **EUR 192 768.1 million**. Overall, this leaves a margin below the MFF ceilings for 2026 of EUR 715,7 million in commitment appropriations;

- the overall level of **payment appropriations** in the 2026 budget is set at **EUR 190 091.6 million**. Overall, this leaves a margin below the MFF ceiling for 2026 of EUR 20 440,1 million in payment appropriations;

- the **Flexibility Instrument** for 2026 is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of **EUR 2 040.9 million**, of which EUR 1.0 million for sub-heading 2a Economic, social and territorial cohesion, EUR 2 013.1 million for sub-heading 2b Resilience and Values, EUR 3.5 million for heading 5 Security and Defence, and EUR 23.3 million for heading 7 European Public Administration;

- in accordance with the MFF Regulation, the **Single Margin Instrument** is mobilised in commitment appropriations for an amount of **EUR 748.2 million** for heading 7 European Public Administration.

The 2026 payment appropriations related to the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in the years 2023 to 2026 are estimated by the Commission at **EUR 2 226.4 million**.

Expenditure headings of the financial framework - commitment appropriations

Heading 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital

Commitment appropriations are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the draft budget as amended by amending letter No. 1/2026, but with adjustments agreed by the conciliation committee.

Parliament has increased funding **for Horizon Europe** by EUR 20 million and for **transport and energy networks** by EUR 23.5 million.

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 22 163.0 million**, leaving a margin of EUR 47 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 1.

Sub-heading 2a - Economic, social and territorial cohesion

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 56 594.0 million**, with no margin remaining below the expenditure ceiling of the sub-heading and taking into account the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument up to EUR 1.0 million.

Sub-heading 2b - Resilience and values

Parliament has secured an additional EUR 10 million for the **Civil Protection Mechanism and RescEU**. The **EU for Health** programme will receive an additional EUR 3 million, as will the **Erasmus+** programme.

The overall needs of the European Recovery Instrument (EURI) interest line of EUR 4 225.4 million above the financial programming for 2026 are financed in part by the remaining margin under sub-Heading 2b of EUR 99.6 million and the mobilisation of EUR 2 013.1 million under the Flexibility Instrument, for an overall amount of EUR 2 112.7 million corresponding to 50 % of the additional needs. The EURI instrument will be mobilised for the remaining 50 %, i.e. EUR 2 112.7 million. This amount is fully covered by the de-commitments made since 2021 in line with the MFF Regulation.

As a consequence, the agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 15 055.8 million**, with no margin left under the expenditure ceiling of sub-heading 2b and the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 2 013.1 million and the mobilisation of the EURI instrument for an amount of EUR 2 112.7 million.

Heading 3 - Natural Resources and Environment

The **LIFE** programme for environment and climate action will receive an additional EUR 10 million in funding.

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 56 529.4 million**, leaving a margin of EUR 570.6 million below the expenditure ceiling for the heading.

Overall EAGF needs for 2026, including the agricultural reserve, amount to EUR 41 331.2 million. This is an increase of EUR 426 million compared to the Draft Budget 2026, which includes full support for the young farmers based on the needs and a **reinforcement for the promotional measures** of EUR 105 million.

Heading 4 - Migration and border management

Border management will be strengthened thanks to an additional funding of EUR 10 million.

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 5 018.9 million**, which leaves a margin of EUR 84.1 million below the expenditure ceiling of heading 4.

Heading 5 - Security and Defence

Military mobility, which plays a key role in the EU's defence readiness, will receive an additional EUR 10 million in funding.

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 2 813.5 million**, with no margin remaining below the expenditure ceiling for the item and taking into account the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument up to EUR 3.5 million.

Heading 6 - Neighbourhood and the World

The joint draft budget provides for an increase of EUR 35 million for **humanitarian aid**.

The decrease of EUR 89.8 million for budget line 14 02 01 11 (Eastern Neighbourhood) is the net result of the transfer of EUR 114.8 million to the newly created budget line 14 02 01 13 (Moldova Reform and Growth Facility) and a boost of EUR 25 million for the **Eastern Neighbourhood**.

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 15 600.0 million**, which leaves a margin of EUR 14 million under the expenditure ceiling of heading 6.

Heading 7 - European Public Administration

The agreed level of commitment appropriations is set at **EUR 13 277.5 million**, with no margin left under the expenditure the ceiling of heading 7 and the mobilisation of the Single Margin Instrument for an amount of EUR 748.2 million and of the Flexibility Instrument for an amount of EUR 23.3 million.

Thematic special instruments

Commitment appropriations for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF), the European Solidarity Reserve (ESR), the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) and the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) are set at the level proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget.