

Basic information

2025/2246(BUI)

BUI - Budgetary initiative

Guidelines for the 2027 Budget - Section III

Subject

8.70.47 2027 budget

Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		UŠAKOVŠ Nils (S&D)	11/12/2025
			<p>Shadow rapporteur</p> <p>BENJUMEA BENJUMEA Isabel (EPP)</p> <p>SANCHEZ Julien (P/E)</p> <p>SZYDŁO Beata (ECR)</p> <p>KÖRNER Moritz (Renew)</p> <p>MARINO Ignazio Roberto (Greens/EFA)</p> <p>OLIVEIRA João (The Left)</p> <p>JUNGBLUTH Alexander (ESN)</p>	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		NEMEC Matjaž (S&D)	19/12/2025
	SEDE Security and Defence		Chair on behalf of committee STRACK-ZIMMERMANN Marie-Agnes (Renew)	20/01/2026
	DEVE Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	INTA International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	CONT Budgetary Control		FREUND Daniel (Greens/EFA)	15/01/2026

ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs	TOMC Romana (EPP)	11/12/2025
ENVI	Environment, Climate and Food Safety	DECARO Antonio (S&D)	15/12/2025
SANT	Public Health	Chair on behalf of committee JARUBAS Adam (EPP)	18/12/2025
ITRE	Industry, Research and Energy	HEINÄLUOMA Eero (S&D)	17/12/2025
IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
TRAN	Transport and Tourism	SERRANO SIERRA Rosa (S&D)	20/01/2026
REGI	Regional Development	BOSSDORF Irmhild (ESN)	23/12/2025
AGRI	Agriculture and Rural Development	VRECIANOVA Veronika (ECR)	06/01/2026
PECH	Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT	Culture and Education	SOUSA SILVA Hélder (EPP)	25/02/2026
JURI	Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AFCO	Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality	GARCÍA HERMIDA-VAN DER WALLE Raquel (Renew)	13/01/2026
PETI	Petitions	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Budget	SERAFIN Piotr

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/03/2026	Vote in committee		
05/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0044/2026	Summary
10/03/2026	Debate in Parliament		
11/03/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0112/2026	

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Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE782.313	16/01/2026	
Specific opinion	TRAN	PE782.408	27/01/2026	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE781.376	28/01/2026	
Specific opinion	AFET	PE782.179	03/02/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE784.272	04/02/2026	
Specific opinion	ENVI	PE782.515	12/02/2026	
Specific opinion	REGI	PE782.331	17/02/2026	
Specific opinion	AGRI	PE782.191	18/02/2026	
Specific opinion	SANT	PE782.434	24/02/2026	
Specific opinion	CULT	PE784.250	24/02/2026	

Specific opinion	SEDE	PE784.360	24/02/2026	
Committee opinion	ITRE	PE781.493	26/02/2026	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE782.239	26/02/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0044/2026	05/03/2026	Summary
Specific opinion	CONT	PE782.480	06/03/2026	
Parliament's opinion on budgetary estimates/guidelines		T10-0112/2026	11/03/2026	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
HOHLMEIER Monika	04/02/2026	Impact-SE

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2025/2246(BUI) - 05/03/2026 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Budgets adopted the report by Nils UŠAKOVŠ (S&D, LV) on general guidelines for the preparation of the 2027 budget, section III - Commission.

Focus on delivery for people, the economy and the planet and on providing investments for competitiveness

Members believe that, in the current context of profound geopolitical and institutional instability, the 2027 budget should:

- meet the increasing number of needs, deliver prosperity through improved competitiveness, promote territorial, economic and social cohesion, create and protect quality jobs, and guarantee security and defence capabilities;
- finance measures aimed at ensuring a socially just transition, in particular by boosting the Union's long-term competitiveness, reducing strategic dependencies, closing innovation gaps, accelerating the deployment of clean energy and the implementation of the green and digital transitions, contributing to global climate action and combating biodiversity loss.

As the last budget of the current MFF, the 2027 budget should **ensure continuity of action to address current and future challenges** and place a strong emphasis on the effective and timely implementation of successful and high-impact projects, in order to produce tangible results for citizens and regions.

Strengthening Europe's social model, territorial cohesion and security, protecting fundamental values and fostering prosperity

Members called for sufficient funding for **cohesion policy** while ensuring sustainability and improving the quality of life for citizens in all regions. The 2027 budget must support increased investment in **critical infrastructure**, including transport networks, digital connectivity, and energy systems, with targeted support for less developed regions and island and remote areas.

The report also called for initiatives and investments to promote **fair working conditions**, as well as strategies to address structural workforce crises, particularly in the social and healthcare sectors. The Commission should prioritise **mental health** action in the 2027 budget.

The report emphasised:

- the crucial role of promoting and strengthening **artistic and cultural cooperation** at European level through adequate funding from the 'Creative Europe' programme, as well as the indispensable role of the 'Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values' programme in **promoting European values** and citizens' rights;
- the need to pay particular attention to **families**, especially those with children or dependent persons, who are experiencing financial difficulties;
- the importance of effectively using existing Union financing instruments in 2027 to increase the number of **affordable, decent and sustainable housing**;
- the need for an ambitious budget for the **Erasmus+** programme and additional funding for the 'European Solidarity Corps' programme;
- increased support for the **protection of citizens**, minorities, religious communities and public spaces against terrorist threats, as well as countering the spike in hate speech, racism and anti-Semitism;
- the allocation of sufficient resources to support **investigative journalism** and the strengthening of initiatives in media literacy and fact-checking;
- the effective implementation of the **Asylum and Migration Pact** through sufficient funding to address emerging challenges and ensure efficient relocation, safe and dignified reception, and effective and sustainable inclusion and integration. Increased funding for border protection capabilities is a key component of a comprehensive migration policy.

Creating economic opportunities in the face of strategic challenges

Members called for the 2027 budget to guarantee sufficient funding for **research, innovation and technological deployment**, particularly in strategically important areas, to ensure that the Union remains autonomous in the face of global challenges.

The report stressed that the EU budget for 2027 must act as an engine for completing a **genuine energy union** by closing the EUR 660 billion annual investment gap in energy-related investments. It also reiterated the central and strategic importance of **the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Common Fisheries Policy**, highlighting the need to support young farmers, ensure a fair distribution of CAP direct payments, and help those employed in the fisheries sector cope with the effects of inflation, administrative burdens, fuel costs, changes in the global food market, and adverse weather events.

The 2027 budget should also include ambitious funding for the environment and climate action programme (**LIFE programme**) to accelerate the transition to a sustainable, climate-neutral and resilient economy.

Members stressed the **urgent need to strengthen integration and capabilities in security and defence**, including hybrid and conventional military capabilities, alongside robust civilian preparedness. They highlighted the crucial role of common investment, research and development, and digitalisation in defence production and procurement mechanisms. Sufficient financial support must be provided to Member States located on the EU's external borders, particularly those sharing a land border with Ukraine, Russia, and/or Belarus, and those dealing with shadow fleets.

Global Europe

The EU must **strengthen its common foreign policy** and its global influence. According to Members, the Union must secure adequate funding and resources in the 2027 budget to effectively manage problems in its neighbourhood and beyond. Furthermore, the Union's **development**, humanitarian aid, and human rights support programs must receive a substantial increase in funding.

Members reaffirmed their **full support for Ukraine**, both financially and in terms of humanitarian aid. They believe that **pre-accession funds** are essential for stabilising and enhancing convergence with the EU. Lastly, they stressed the need to strengthen the Neighbourhood Policy to support stability and reforms in neighbouring regions.