

Procedure file

Basic information		
BUD - Budgetary procedure	2022/0212(BUD)	Awaiting signature of act
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDE Budgetary Conciliation Committee		09/12/2021
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TRAN [Transport and Tourism](#)

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REGI [Regional Development](#)

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Key events

01/07/2022	Commission draft budget published	COM(2022)0400	Summary
09/09/2022	Council position on draft budget published	12108/2022	Summary
12/09/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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18/10/2022	Debate in Parliament		
19/10/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0366/2022	Summary
19/10/2022	Start of budgetary conciliation (Parliament and Council)		
14/11/2022	Vote in committee		
18/11/2022	Budgetary conciliation report tabled for plenary	A9-0278/2022	
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22/11/2022	Draft budget approved by Council		
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Committee opinion	ECON	PE732.929	01/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	PECH	PE734.109	02/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE732.703	07/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	AFCO	PE734.322	07/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE730.024	08/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE734.211	09/09/2022	EP	
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Committee opinion	DEVE	PE735.499	28/09/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE734.148	29/09/2022	EP	

Committee opinion	TRAN	PE734.289	04/10/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	ITRE	PE735.516	05/10/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	CULT	PE735.571	05/10/2022	EP	
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Budgetary report tabled for plenary, 1st reading		A9-0241/2022	12/10/2022	EP	
Budgetary text adopted by Parliament		T9-0366/2022	19/10/2022	EP	Summary
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2023 draft general budget: all sections

PURPOSE: presentation by the Commission of the EU's annual draft budget for the year 2023.

CONTENT: the draft budget 2023 reflects the EU's challenges and priorities under the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the period 2021-2027, which include the green and digital transitions, aiming to make Europe's economy fairer, more resilient and more sustainable.

Russia's military aggression against Ukraine has resulted in a human tragedy on Europe's doorstep. The EU has responded swiftly and decisively by providing humanitarian aid, emergency assistance and large-scale support to Member States to help those fleeing Ukraine. Coordinated sanctions are in place, combined with measures to tackle record energy prices and end Europe's dependence on Russian oil and gas.

At the same time, during 2023, the EU and its Member States should continue to recover from the economic, social and health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Economic recovery from the pandemic is underway. However, pressure on health care systems, supply bottlenecks and rapidly rising energy prices have overall contributed to high inflationary pressures.

Given the uncertainties about the economic impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, this implies that the full deployment of the EU budget and the EU's recovery instrument, NextGenerationEU, will be essential to stimulate the EU economy.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

The Commission proposes an annual budget of EUR 185.6 billion for the EU in 2023 in commitments and EUR 166.3 billion in payments, plus an estimated EUR 113.9 billion in grants under NextGenerationEU. The total commitment appropriations in the draft 2023 budget (including special instruments) correspond to 1.14% of GNI. In total, commitment appropriations increase by 2.1% compared to the commitment appropriations in the 2022 budget.

Overall, in 2023, EUR 299.5 billion in commitment appropriations will be available. In addition, the remaining NextGenerationEU loans of EUR 225.6 billion are expected to be fully utilised by 2023.

A significant proportion of the funds will be earmarked for climate change, in line with the target of devoting 30% of spending under the long-term budget and the NextGenerationEU recovery instrument to this policy priority.

APPROPRIATIONS BY HEADING OF THE MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (MFF) 2021-2027

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

Heading 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital: EUR 26 billion (NextGenerationEU contribution: EUR 4.3 billion)

- EUR 13.6 billion for research and innovation, including EUR 12.3 billion for Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship research programme. 1.8 billion in NextGenerationEU grants;
- EUR 4.8 billion for European strategic investments, including EUR 341 million for InvestEU under the key priorities (research and innovation, dual green and digital transition, health and strategic technologies). InvestEU would receive an additional EUR 2.5 billion in grants from NextGenerationEU.
- EUR 2.9 billion for the Connecting Europe Facility to invest in trans-European transport, digital and energy networks;
- EUR 1.3 billion for the Digital Europe Programme to shape the Union's digital future;
- EUR 927 million to ensure the proper functioning of the single market, including EUR 593 million for the single market programme and almost EUR 200 million for work on anti-fraud, taxation and customs;
- EUR 2.2 billion dedicated to space spending, mainly for the European Space Programme, which will bring together the Union's action in this strategic area;
- EUR 138 million for secure satellite connections under the proposal for a new EU programme for secure connectivity.

Sub-heading 2a - Economic, social and territorial cohesion: EUR 62.9 billion (NextGenerationEU contribution: EUR 2.9 billion)

- EUR 46.1 billion for regional development and cohesion, of which EUR 38.3 billion for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and EUR 7.7 billion for the Cohesion Fund, to support economic, social and territorial cohesion, as well as infrastructure supporting the ecological transition and the Union's priority projects;

- EUR 16.7 billion for the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) to help Member States achieve high levels of employment, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy.

Sub-heading 2b - Resilience and values: EUR 111.3 billion (NextGenerationEU contribution: EUR 104.1 billion)

- EUR 103.5 billion in NextGenerationEU grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) to support economic recovery and growth after the coronavirus pandemic and to address the problems caused by the war in Ukraine;

- EUR 732 million for the EU Health Programme to ensure a comprehensive health response to citizens' needs;

- EUR 147 million for the Union's Civil Protection Mechanism (ResCeU) to ensure rapid deployment of operational assistance in the event of a crisis;

- EUR 4.8 billion for people, social cohesion and values, including EUR 3.5 billion for Erasmus+ to create education and mobility opportunities for citizens, EUR 325 million to support Europe's cultural and creative sectors, EUR 212 million for the promotion and protection of justice, rights and values and EUR 141 million for the European Solidarity Corps.

Heading 3 - Natural resources and environment: EUR 62.7 billion (NextGenerationEU contribution: EUR 5.4 billion)

- EUR 53.6 billion for the Common Agricultural Policy and EUR 1.1 billion for the European Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, to support European farmers and fishermen, but also to strengthen the resilience of the agri-food and fisheries sector and to provide the necessary scope for crisis management in view of the expected global food shortages;

- EUR 2.3 billion for environment and climate action, including EUR 728 million for the LIFE programme to support climate change mitigation and adaptation, and EUR 1.5 billion for the Just Transition Fund (JTF) to ensure that the green transition benefits all. The JTF would benefit from an additional EUR 5.4 billion in NextGenerationEU grants.

Heading 4 - Migration and border management: EUR 3.7 billion

- EUR 2.1 billion for border protection, including EUR 1.1 billion for the Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF) and EUR 839 million for the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex);

- EUR 1.6 billion for migration-related spending, including EUR 1.4 billion for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) which contributes to the effective management of migration flows and the development of the common asylum and migration policy.

Heading 5 - Security and defence: EUR 1.9 billion

- EUR 1.2 billion to address defence challenges, including EUR 626 million to support capability development and research under the European Defence Fund (EDF), and EUR 237 million for military mobility;

- EUR 689 million for security, including EUR 310 million for the Internal Security Fund (ISF) to combat terrorism, radicalisation, organised crime and cybercrime.

Heading 6 - Neighbourhood and the World: EUR 16.7 billion

- EUR 14.3 billion for external action, of which EUR 12 billion under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI - Global Europe) EUR 2.5 billion for the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) and EUR 1.6 billion for Humanitarian Aid (HUMA);

- in order to reinforce actions in the field of the fight against disinformation from Russian propaganda channels, an increase of EUR 1.7 million is proposed for the Information policy and strategic communication for external action line;

Heading 7 - European public administration: EUR 11.4 billion

- EUR 2.3 billion for staff pensions (an increase of 11.9% in appropriations) and EUR 233 million for the contribution to the financing of the European Schools;

- EUR 8.8 billion for the expenditure of the institutions (of which EUR 2.2 billion for the European Parliament).

Thematic special instruments: EUR 28 billion

The thematic special instruments include the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for redundant workers (EGF) and the Brexit adjustment reserve.

2023 draft general budget: all sections

The Council adopted its position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the year 2023 (DB 2023).

The Council underlines that the budget for 2023 has a key role in the development and delivery of the long-term objectives and political priorities agreed by the Union, contributing to the recovery of the European economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the third consecutive year, the budget for 2023 will be reinforced by the funds from the temporary recovery instrument, Next Generation EU (NGEU).

APPROPRIATIONS AND APPROACH

The Council's position on the DB 2023 amounts to:

- EUR 183 949.66 million in commitment appropriations (EUR 185 591 million in the Commissions DB 2023);

- EUR 165 738.29 million in payment appropriations (EUR 166 268 million in the Commissions DB 2023).

The total amount of payment appropriations provided for in the Councils position on the DB 2023 corresponds to 1.01% of the EU gross national income (GNI).

Approach taken by the Council

The Council considers that the budget for 2023 should be realistic, in line with actual needs, ensure prudent budgeting and leave sufficient margins under the MFF ceilings to deal with unforeseen circumstances.

At the same time, the budget for 2023 should provide sufficient resources to ensure the implementation of Union programmes and to allow commitments already made under the current and previous MFF to be paid in due time, in particular since 2023 is the last year for implementing shared management commitments under the MFF 2014-2020.

In addition, the work of the Council was complicated by the fact that the Commission presented a budget proposal which left out provisions to face the needs related to Russias military aggression against Ukraine and its potential economic, social and humanitarian impact, compounded by other factors, such as high inflation (and related development of increasing interest rates). In view of these uncertainties, the Council considered that it was necessary to increase the margins in the budget in a significant manner to cater for sufficient budgetary flexibility.

The Council undertook a detailed analysis of the commitment appropriations for each programme and action by budget line, in order to ensure:

- sufficient margins to cover the financial needs to be detailed in the coming months and addressed by the amending letter expected in early Autumn, mainly regarding the Ukraine crisis;
- the rebalancing and stabilisation of the level of appropriations of expenditure programmes that are subject to top-ups by the multiannual financial framework (MFF) Regulation and benefit from significant additional appropriations from NGEU/assigned revenue;
- an appropriate acceleration of the implementation of programmes by avoiding excessive increases compared to 2022.

The result of the Councils assessment is reflected in the proposal to adjust downwards the commitment appropriations by EUR 1 641.4 million and the payment appropriations by EUR 530 million.

EXPENDITURE BY HEADING IN THE 2021-2027 MFF

The Council has changed the commitment appropriations (c/a) and updated the payment appropriations (p/a) as follows in relation to the DB 2023:

(1) Single Market, Innovation and Digital (heading 1 of the MFF): EUR 20 332 966 859 in c/a and EUR 20 522 946 094 in p/a

- the heading is characterised by a total reduction of -EUR 1 234.6 million in the appropriations requested in the DB 2023 distributed on a number of specific budget lines, including operational and support expenditure.

The margin available under heading 1 would be EUR 1 394.03 million.

(2) Cohesion and Values (heading 2 of the MFF): EUR 69 849 083 022 in c/a and EUR 55 808 688 774 in p/a

Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion (sub-heading 2a of the MFF)

- the Council accepted the level of both commitment and payment appropriations as it stands (EUR 62 922.98 million and EUR 49 131.08 million, respectively) in the DB 2023 as proposed by the Commission;

- the margin available under sub-heading 2a would be EUR 16.02 million, as proposed by the Commission.

Resilience and Values (sub-heading 2b of the MFF)

- the sub-heading is characterised by a total reduction in commitment appropriations of -EUR 237.6 million (-EUR 197 million for Recovery and Resilience and - EUR 40.6 million for Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values), and of -EUR 31.8 million for payment appropriations.

The margin available under sub-heading 2b would amount to EUR 271.9 million.

(3) Natural resources and environment (heading 3 of the MFF): EUR 57 177 558 225 in c/a and EUR 57 439 369 586 in p/a

- the heading is characterised by a reduction in commitment appropriations of -EUR 45 million for the Environment and Climate Action Programme (LIFE) and -EUR 6 million for payment appropriations;

The margin available under heading 3 would amount to EUR 117.44 million.

(4) Migration and border management (heading 4 of the MFF): EUR 3 677 311 518 in c/a and EUR 3 017 380 252 in p/a

- the heading is characterised by a reduction in commitment appropriations of -EUR 50 million for the decentralised bodies, namely the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and -EUR 50 million for payment appropriations.

The margin available under heading 4 would amount to EUR 136.69 million.

(5) Security and defence (heading 5 of the MFF): EUR 1 889 409 130 in c/a and EUR 1 109 874 612 in p/a

- the heading is characterised by a reduction in commitment appropriations of -EUR 11.7 million for the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and -EUR 1.5 million for payment appropriations;

The margin available under heading 5 would amount to EUR 56.69 million.

(6) Neighbourhood and the World (heading 6 MFF): EUR 16 781 879 478 in c/a and EUR 13 773 937 845 in p/a

- the Council accepted the level of both commitment and payment appropriations as proposed by the Commission (EUR 16 781.88 million and EUR 13 773.94 million, respectively).

No margin would be available under heading 6, as proposed by the Commission

(7) European public administration (heading 7 of the MFF): EUR 11 386 302 167 in c/a and EUR 11 386 302 167 in p/a

For the European Parliament, it is suggested not to modify the Commission's proposal and to foresee EUR 2 267.98 million.

The margin available under heading 7 would be EUR 32.7 million

Special instruments: EUR 2 855 153 029 in c/a and EUR 2 679 794 000 in p/a

It is suggested to maintain the appropriations entered in the DB 2023 for the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve and for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund. As far as the Flexibility Instrument is concerned, the use of EUR 62.5 million for heading 7 is not accepted.

Revenue

It is suggested to accept the DB 2023 after the technical adjustments arising from the changes made to expenditure in the Council's position.

2023 draft general budget: all sections

The European Parliament adopted by 421 votes to 137, with 82 abstentions, a resolution on the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023.

Parliament deplored the Council's position on the draft budget, which cuts EUR 1.64 billion in commitment appropriations and EUR 530 million in payment appropriations for the headings of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) compared to the Commission's proposal. Members believe that the cuts proposed by the Council do not reflect the seriousness of the challenges facing the Union and that the Council's position falls short of Parliament's expectations.

Parliament has therefore decided to restore, for the lines whose appropriations have been reduced by the Council, the level of appropriations in the draft budget, both for operational and administrative expenditure, and to use the draft budget as a starting point for Parliament's position. It also maintained the appropriations entered in the draft budget for the special thematic instruments, namely the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for redundant workers and the Brexit adjustment reserve.

Members stressed the need to respond to the consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, rising inflation and increasing energy and food insecurity at EU level. They stressed in particular the need for sufficient green investments to strengthen the Union's energy independence and to implement the Green Deal.

Consequently, Parliament set the overall level of appropriations for the budget for 2023 (all sections) at i) EUR 187 293 119 206 in commitment appropriations, an increase of EUR 1 702 055 778 compared to the draft budget and ii) EUR 167 612 834 087 in payment appropriations.

Heading 1 of the MFF - Single market, innovation and digital

Parliament increased the commitment appropriations of the heading by EUR 663 650 000 compared to the draft budget, financed by the available margin and the use of special instruments. It also made available to the heading a total amount of EUR 836 090 000 in commitment appropriations corresponding to decommitments made under Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation, thus increasing the decommitments made available again by EUR 677 278 157 compared to the draft budget.

Members insisted that the exceptionally high amount of research decommitments (EUR 836.09 million), which the Commission had not foreseen during the MFF negotiations, should be made available in full to Horizon Europe.

Parliament reversed the redeployments proposed by the Commission to fund the Chips Act and the Secure Connectivity Programme, in line with its position that new initiatives should be funded using fresh money. It deleted the relevant Council reserves, thereby ensuring a proper level of funding for priorities in Horizon Europe, the Digital Europe Programme and the Union Space Programme.

Parliament also proposed:

- to increase funding for the transport and energy components of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) by a total of EUR 90 million in commitment appropriations;
- an increase of EUR 10 million for the SME strand of the Single Market cluster, as well as an increase of EUR 1 million to support the ongoing work of the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) on the development of high quality reporting standards.

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

Parliament accepted the Council's position on the sub-heading. It called on the Member States and the Commission to accelerate the process of programming so that 2023 marks the start of implementation of the cohesion funds.

Sub-Heading 2b - Resilience and values

Parliament increased the sub-heading overall by EUR 272 821 707 in commitment appropriations compared to the draft budget, financed by using the available margin and the use of special instruments. In particular, the Parliament proposed to:

- increase the Erasmus+ flagship programme by EUR 200 million
- increase the appropriations for the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) by EUR 8 million;
- increase by EUR 25 million the EU Health Programme, in particular to support actions to achieve universal health coverage across the EU;
- reinforce the EU Civil Protection Mechanism by EUR 20 million;
- increase the 2023 appropriations of the Creative Europe programme by EUR 12 million to support the cultural and creative sectors, which have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- increase the Daphne strand of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme by EUR 2 million to combat gender-based violence, as

well as all forms of violence against refugees, children, young people and other groups at risk, and the strand on citizens' engagement and participation by EUR 1.5 million, in particular to ensure a follow-up to the Conference on the Future of Europe;

- restore the level of the draft budget on the lines aimed at ensuring adequate funding for institutional communication, combating disinformation and contributing to citizens' participation in democratic life.

Heading 3 - Natural resources and environment

Parliament increased the allocation for the heading by EUR 61 240 000 in commitment appropriations compared to the draft budget, financed by part of the available margin.

Recalling that 2023 is the first year of the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), Parliament considers that the crisis situation justifies the partial mobilisation of the new agricultural reserve to the tune of at least EUR 10 million for young farmers. It called for an increase in the level of budgetary support for the LIFE programme in support of climate action and environmental protection for the different strands of the programme and insisted on the need for a significant increase in the budget of the European Environment Agency (EEA).

Heading 4 - Migration and border management

Parliament increased the heading overall by EUR 130 430 664 compared to the Council's position and by EUR 80 430 664 compared to the draft budget, financed by using part of the available margin. In particular, it proposed to:

- increase the 2023 appropriations of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) by EUR 100 million;
- increase the 2023 appropriations of the Border and Visa Management Instrument (BVI) by EUR 25 million to allow support to the Member States most directly exposed to the consequences of the war in Ukraine, but also to support the further integration of Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia into the Schengen area;
- increase the staffing of the European Union Asylum Agency.

Parliament decided to support the Council's proposal to reduce the appropriations for Frontex by EUR 50 million in 2023. It nevertheless stressed the need to ensure that Frontex has the budgetary means to fulfil its mandate and obligations.

Heading 5 - Security and defence

Parliament increased the overall heading by EUR 81 192 700 compared to the draft budget, financed by the available margin and the use of special instruments.

Members called for an increase in funding for the capability development strand of the European Defence Fund to promote an innovative and competitive defence industrial base that will contribute to the Union's strategic autonomy. They also proposed increasing funding for military mobility.

Heading 6 - Neighbourhood and the world

Parliament increased the heading overall by EUR 465 000 000 compared to the draft budget, financed by the mobilisation of special instruments.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine and its global repercussions have considerably increased the need for humanitarian aid. Members called for a significant increase in humanitarian aid and for an urgent increase in the ceiling of the heading. They also called for:

- continued and substantial support for the Eastern Neighbourhood, in particular for countries helping refugees fleeing Ukraine and facing inflation and high energy and food prices;
- additional resources for the Southern Neighbourhood to support political, economic and social reforms;
- reinforced thematic programmes and rapid response actions of the NDICI-Global Europe, in particular through the People Programme, to address the consequences of the war in Ukraine;
- an increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) and an upward revision of the programme envelope with a view to including Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova in the scope of IPA as soon as possible.

Heading 7 - European public administration

Parliament considers that the Council's cuts in this heading - which are designed to obviate recourse to the Flexibility Instrument, as proposed in the draft budget - are unjustified and would not allow the Commission to fulfil its tasks. It restored therefore the DB for the Commission administrative expenditure, including with respect to its Offices.

European Parliament

Parliament maintained unchanged the overall level of its budget for 2023 at EUR 2 268 777 642, in accordance with its estimates of revenue and expenditure adopted by the plenary on 7 April 2022 and updated on 3 May 2022. It decided to include, artificially and in a budgetary neutral way, 98 posts in its establishment plan for one year only in order to allow for the integration of the laureates of an internal competition in the light of the application of the Staff Regulations, similarly to what has been done in the 2020 budget.

Transparency

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