

2028-2034 EU budget: Comparing Parliament's position with the Commission proposal

The European Parliament is due to adopt its negotiating mandate for the EU's 2028-2034 budget during the April plenary session. The report of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) defends a budget set at 1.27 % of EU gross national income (GNI), with the debt servicing for the Next Generation EU (NGEU) recovery fund (0.11 % of GNI) set outside the budget ceilings. This is a 10 % increase compared with the Commission proposal.

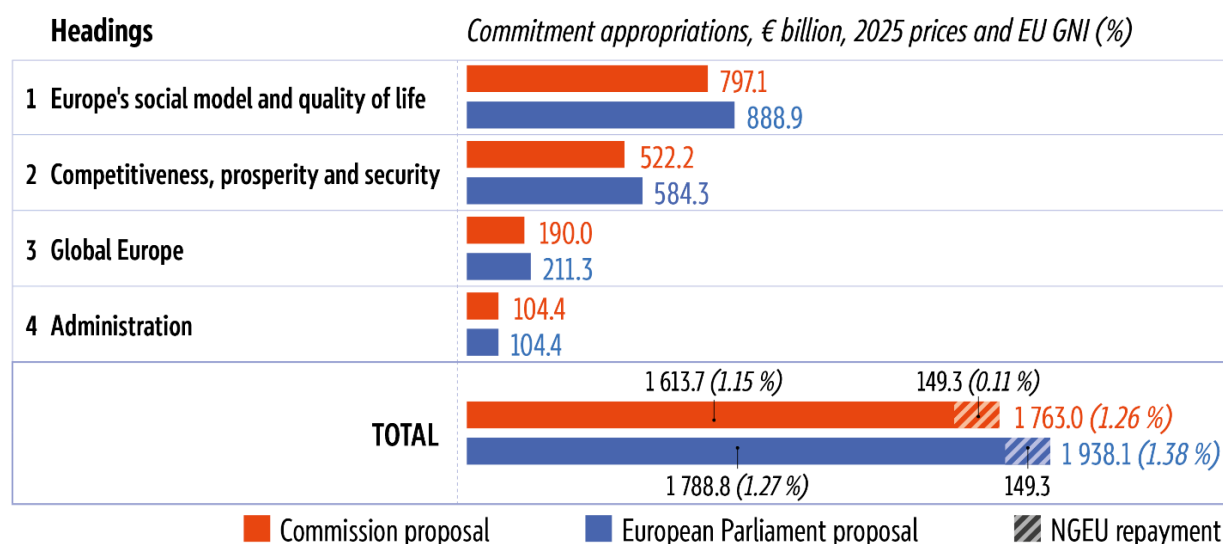
Overview

The [interim report](#) of the BUDG committee, adopted on 15 April, defends a budget of **€1.789 trillion** (all prices are in 2025 constant prices), excluding NGEU debt repayment costs (€149.3 billion). BUDG calls for the NGEU cost to be set above the €1.789 trillion budget ceiling and for a **10 % increase** (+€175.1 billion) on average – including NGEU – compared with the Commission proposal.

The BUDG report also sets the budgetary principles and amends the budget's structure. It advocates distinct budget lines for individual policies, such as the common agricultural policy (CAP), the common fisheries policy, the cohesion policy, the European Social Fund and home affairs (under Heading 1). It earmarks funding for actions relating to the EU4Health and LIFE programmes under the European Competitiveness Fund (under Heading 2). Finally, it proposes separate budget lines within the Global Europe Fund (Heading 3) for the different pillars, thematic programmes, countries and instruments.

The graphics below compare the Commission proposal with Parliament's position, as put forward by the BUDG committee, for the MFF as a whole and then for each of the four headings in greater detail.

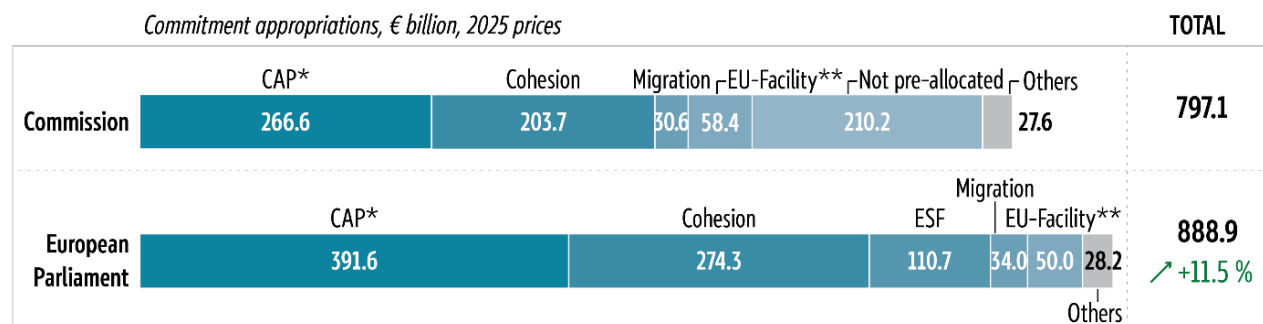
Figure 1 – 2028-2034 MFF: Commission and Parliament position



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Breakdown of the proposed MFF by its four headings

Figure 2 – Heading 1: Europe's social model and quality of life



Notes: *Includes income support, rural areas and the unity safety net.

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Figure 3 – Heading 2: Competitiveness, prosperity and security

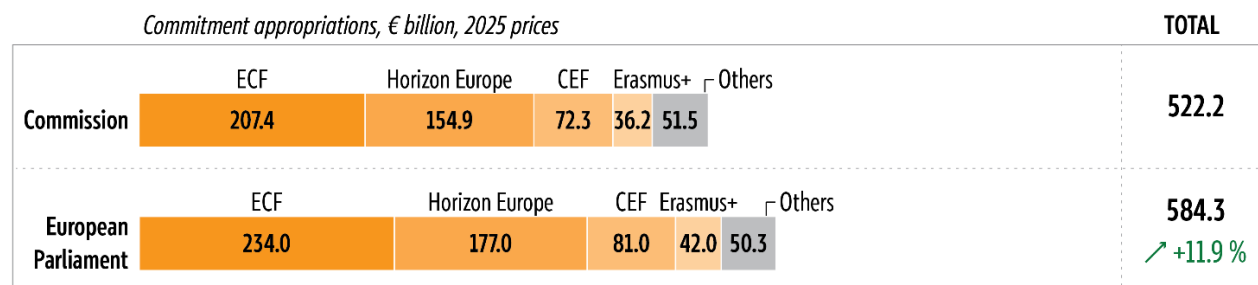


Figure 4 – Heading 3: Global Europe



Figure 5 – Heading 4: Administration



Source: EPRS, compiled by the authors based on the BUDG [interim report](#).

Interim report: [2025/0571R\(APP\)](#); Committee responsible: BUDG; Rapporteurs: Siegfried Mureşan (EPP, Romania) and Carla Tavares (S&D, Portugal).

This infographic complements the [plenary 'At a glance' note](#) on the '2028-2034 EU budget: Parliament's position'.

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