

Public Consultation on MFF funding for External action

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Introduction

The current Multiannual Financial Framework ('MFF')— the EU's long-term budget — runs until the end of 2027. In 2025, the Commission will put forth comprehensive proposals for the next Multiannual Financial Framework and for the next generation of financing instruments. These funds will provide financial support to hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries such as international organisations, national and local authorities, Civil Society Organisations, businesses, farmers, students, scientists, within the EU, in partner countries and globally.

Following the political guidelines of President von der Leyen for the 2024-2029 European Commission, the Commission will work towards a simpler, more focused and responsive long-term budget that reflects the European strategic priorities with the ambition to be an "Investment Commission". Moreover, we will also need to revamp our external action financing, to make it more impactful and targeted for our partners and more aligned with our strategic interests.

The Commission's proposals will be designed to make it possible for the EU to deliver on the things that matter most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. This requires a careful assessment both of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. The next EU long-term budget will draw lessons from the current one – notably in terms of simplicity and flexibility, speed and strategic focus.

As an integral part of the process, the Commission is launching a series of public consultations to gather views from all interested parties on the future EU budget. This consultation covers EU external funding implemented in partner countries, sometime with Members States in a Team Europe approach. The decision to cluster issues serves to support the preparatory work and does not pre-empt the architecture of future programmes.

This questionnaire consists of three parts. Part 1 collects some information about you, while Part 2 contains questions related to the EU funds. Section 3 contains two closing questions.

It should take about 10 minutes to complete the survey. You can save your replies as draft and finish later. Please be concise for the questions with a free text box for additional comments. You can upload a document stating your views at the end of the survey.

About you

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- ☒ Non-governmental organisation (NGO)

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- ☐ Trade union
- ☐ Other

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* Organisation name

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* Organisation size

- ☒ Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- ☐ Small (10 to 49 employees)
- ☐ Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- ☐ Large (250 or more)

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⦿ Brazil	⦿ Guinea	⦿ New Zealand	⦿ Tanzania
⦿ British Indian Ocean Territory	⦿ Guinea-Bissau	⦿ Nicaragua	⦿ Thailand
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⦿ Bulgaria	⦿ Heard Island and McDonald Islands	⦿ Niue	⦿ Togo
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Policy questions

Do you agree that EU external funding should help contribute to EU policy objectives for:

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
the green transition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the digital transition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
migration and asylum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
peace and security	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
human rights, democracy and the rule of law	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public diplomacy and the fight against disinformation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
preparation for EU accession	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
engagement in fragile contexts, focusing on supporting the basic needs of affected populations and using the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approach.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you agree that EU funds should support the following objectives?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Support the strategic relationship with the EU's Mediterranean partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Further develop partnerships with non-EU countries, notably in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and accelerate the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, including through the Global Gateway strategy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote EU interests including European competitiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide humanitarian assistance abroad	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the strengthening of nuclear safety, radiation protection, radioactive waste management and nuclear safeguards with beneficiary countries located across the EU's neighbourhood region and beyond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you identified other priorities, please explain below:

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EU external funding should further support the essential role nature and biodiversity play globally in supporting communities, economies, health, and climate action.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding EU external funding?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
The merging of several instruments has brought about improvements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The joint work of the EU and its Member States and European financial institutions under a Team Europe approach should be scaled up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The geographic focus in EU external action financing is effective and has an adequate impact.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

It is important for the EU to encourage private sector investments to increase the total funding for development and humanitarian assistance and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as build mutually beneficial partnerships.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Combining grants with loans, guarantees and blending would produce better results in the beneficiary countries compared to the use of grants alone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
EU external funding is sufficiently flexible to respond in a timely matter to crises and secure stability at the EU's borders and beyond.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EU grants effectively support global public goods, democracy, human rights, good governance and the rule of law.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working through strategic and comprehensive partnerships, in pre-accession countries, with national reform plans linking payments to delivering results is increasing the EU's leverage in negotiations with its partners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The synergy between EU external funding and EU internal / national funding in the EU's external border regions should be strengthened.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
EU funding is helping to address the specific challenges of Overseas Countries and Territories, including Greenland.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
You feel well informed about the EU's external action activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The EU should better prevent and combat fraud, corruption and other illegal activities targeting EU funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

14. You can provide further comments on these topics here.

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The EU should increase biodiversity financing in the next EU external funding / international cooperation budget, to ensure it meets its international obligations under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. The EU should also enhance investment in nature and biodiversity within the Global Gateway initiative. Lastly, the EU should ensure funding reaches key stakeholders in on-the-ground conservation efforts, including civil society organisations and local communities.

If you wish to attach any relevant document to support your replies, please feel free to do so here.

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