

# Press release – EU budget debate ahead of crucial summit



MEPs will reiterate their call for an ambitious Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027 that ensures that priority areas like climate action, research, digitalisation, support for young people (Erasmus+, youth employment) and for SMEs receive adequate funding, without jeopardising the continuity of support for rural communities, farmers and poorer regions. Budgetary means to deal with the aftermath of the financial crisis, migration and security issues also need to be guaranteed.

EU heads of state or government will discuss the EU's long-term budget for 2021-2027 during a special meeting of the European Council on 20 February 2020. They still have not agreed on a common position to serve as a mandate to start negotiations with Parliament, which [adopted its position in November 2018](#), following the [Commission's proposal in May 2018](#). The Parliament has to give its consent to the next MFF.

Check the [MFF Q&A](#) and a [structured list with the most important links](#) for complete and up-to-date information.

EP President David Sassoli will hold a [press conference](#) on the MFF on Wednesday at 13:00.

A [press conference](#) by EP rapporteurs involved in MFF-related negotiations with the Council on Erasmus, Creative Europe and the European Solidarity Corps is scheduled for Wednesday, at 15:00.

*You can watch the plenary debate via [EP Live](#), and [EbS+](#).*