

Question for written answer E-002425/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Preparing the post-2027 multiannual financial framework – addressing structural weaknesses and accountability gaps

The European Court of Auditors' Review 03/2025 highlights several structural weaknesses in the current multiannual financial framework (MFF) that should be addressed in the post-2027 period. These include the insufficient flexibility of the budget to respond to crises, the proliferation of instruments outside the MFF, and a lack of clarity concerning accountability for new tools such as NextGenerationEU. The review also stresses the need for better alignment between political priorities and financial programming, and the importance of strengthening transparency, parliamentary oversight and performance orientation.

In the light of these concerns:

1. How does the Commission intend to strengthen budgetary unity and democratic accountability in the design of the post-2027 MFF?
2. What measures will be taken to ensure that future crisis instruments remain within the MFF and under proper parliamentary scrutiny?
3. Will the Commission commit to a comprehensive review of spending effectiveness and institutional transparency before proposing the next MFF?

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