

**Question for written answer E-002515/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world

The draft report on a revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world (2024/2051(INI)) raises questions about funding, subsidiarity, EU programmes and funds. EU financing remains largely based on Member States' GNI contributions and this constitutes a significant financial burden for net contributors such as Austria in particular. The introduction of new own resources effectively creates an EU tax sovereignty that undermines Member States' national fiscal sovereignty. Many EU programmes and funds are known for inefficiency and lack of oversight.

1. How does the Commission justify the fact that Austria continues to make a disproportionately high contribution, while some net recipients contribute hardly any of their own resources to the financing of the EU?
2. Does the Commission consider that the creation of its own EU tax competence is compatible with the principle of subsidiarity?
3. How does the Commission ensure that the increasing budgetary resources do not continue to flow into overly bureaucratic and ineffective projects, and are there plans to cut inefficient spending programmes and reduce the EU's administrative costs?

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