

**Question for written answer E-002965/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: German budget deficit

Germany recently reformed its national debt brake. The reform comprises three key elements. The federal states will have their own net borrowing capacity of 0.35 % of GDP per year. The Federal Government adopted a new special investment fund for infrastructure and climate protection worth EUR 500 billion, in addition to the existing special defence fund of EUR 100 billion. Defence and security expenditure will in future be explicitly exempted from the debt brake. According to the Federal Ministry of Defence, the following defence budgets are planned for the coming years:

2025: EUR 62.43 billion

2026: EUR 82.69 billion

2027: EUR 93.35 billion

2028: EUR 136.48 billion

2029: EUR 152.83 billion

1. What annual government deficits does the Commission expect for Germany from 2025 to 2029, as a percentage of GDP and in absolute terms?
2. How high can Germany's annual deficit be between 2025 and 2029 if it applies the national escape clause in full?
3. In such a case, what would the maximum annual expenditure volume available to Germany be without infringing the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact?

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