

Question for written answer E-003086/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU takeover of proceeds from national spectrum auctions

The President of the Eurogroup has publicly floated the idea of channelling 75 % of proceeds from national spectrum auctions to the EU's multiannual budget and the remaining 25 % to a fund managed by the European Investment Bank.

Rather than creating new resources, such a mechanism would redirect existing revenues from national budgets to the Union level. It would mean further fiscal centralisation, limiting the freedom of Member States to manage their own revenues and encroaching hugely on an area that, to date, has remained a national responsibility – and all without solving the underlying problem of the high cost of spectrum access.

Making auction proceeds a permanent source of funding for the EU budget risks entrenching incentives to maximise public revenues at the expense of operator investments in developing the network.

In this connection:

1. Is the Commission considering laying claim to all or some of the proceeds from national spectrum auctions in the context of the Digital Networks Act, the EU budget for 2028-2034 or new own resources?
2. On what legal basis could the Commission deprive the Member States of these revenues, and how would such a mechanism be consistent with the principles of conferral, subsidiarity and budgetary sovereignty?
3. Does the Commission share the view that making national proceeds from spectrum auctions an EU own resource would unjustifiably redirect revenues and budgetary powers from the Member States to the Union level, and can it rule out proposing such a measure?

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