

Question for written answer E-003488/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: The largest EU budget in history. And on top of that, hidden EU-wide taxes for businesses and households.

In its proposal for the 2028–2034 Multiannual Financial Framework, the Commission is proposing the highest level of expenditure to date, together with new own resources from the ETS, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, a tobacco levy, an e-waste levy and a corporate contribution. For businesses and consumers, this means further compulsory financial burdens benefiting the EU budget. It is a new form of EU-wide taxation, even though the Commission calls it “own resources”. Such an approach is unacceptable. The Commission should first rein in its spending and only then reach into the pockets of EU citizens for new revenue. Decisions on the tax burden borne by citizens and businesses should primarily be made by the Member States, not the Commission.

1. Why is the Commission pushing for new EU-wide levies when decisions on the tax burden should primarily be made by the Member States?
2. What cumulative impact does the Commission estimate these measures will have on industry and final prices in smaller economies, such as Slovakia?
3. Why is the Commission seeking additional revenue rather than cutting expenditure that it cannot cover from existing resources?

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