

Question for written answer E-003489/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: EUR 200 billion for Global Europe, EUR 100 billion for Ukraine. And at home, new levies on businesses and households

In the next seven-year budget, the Commission wants to allocate EUR 200 billion to the Global Europe instrument. This is intended to fund assistance to countries outside the Union, support for accession candidates and foreign projects such as Global Gateway. On top of that, EUR 15 billion is to go into a reserve. Separately, outside this budget framework, it is proposing up to another EUR 100 billion for Ukraine. Altogether, this amounts to hundreds of billions of euros that will flow out of the EU. At the same time, the Commission says there is not enough money for matters within the Union and is demanding new levies from businesses and citizens.

1. Why does the Commission say that there is not enough money in the Union while at the same time sending hundreds of billions beyond its borders?
2. Why, according to the Commission, should taxpayers in the Member States pay for this when public resources in Europe are supposedly insufficient even for domestic priorities?
3. Why is the Commission seeking new levies instead of significantly cutting expenditure outside the Union?

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