

Question for written answer E-004089/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Management of the EU budget and findings of the European Court of Auditors

The European Court of Auditors' Annual Report has, for the seventh year in a row, issued a negative opinion concerning how the EU budget is being spent.

The Report indicates that, in 2025, the estimated error rate in cohesion spending rose to 6.6 %, while the rate for agriculture and the environment climbed to 3.9 %. The ECA also drew attention to shortcomings in the implementation of the RRF, examples of which include non-compliant payments, unfulfilled objectives and breaches of public procurement rules.

These findings are particularly relevant in the light of the Commission's plans to introduce new own resources to bolster EU revenue, a measure that could result in additional burdens for citizens and businesses.

Given the above:

1. What concrete steps will the Commission take to remedy the shortcomings flagged up by the ECA and ensure that resources under the EU budget are managed in a more scrupulous and efficient manner?
2. Before it asks for additional own resources, how will the Commission prove to citizens that it can use EU resources in a rigorous, transparent and efficient manner?

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