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The proposal for an Interinstitutional agreement (IIA) between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission¹ governs the cooperation between the institutions on budgetary matters. The European Parliament will continue to play its important role by giving consent to the multiannual financial framework (MFF) regulation², an opinion on the Own Resources Decision³ and co-legislate in all the sectoral basic acts. As proposed in the IIA, before the adoption of the draft budget by the Commission, a budgetary trilogue shall be convened to discuss the funding priorities for the budget of the coming financial year, taking into account the EU's policy priorities identified by the Institutions in relevant documents. This budgetary trilogue aims to inform the budgetary procedure and explore how the priorities can best be reflected in the next budget.

The activation of an exceptional and temporary crisis mechanism to provide additional loans to Member States in case of a large crisis will be decided by the Council by means of a Council regulation adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in the fourth paragraph of Article 311 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union having obtained the consent of the European Parliament⁴.

The Commission's proposal is based on EU budget programmes evaluations (mid-term and ex post), impact assessments, reports and documents from other EU institutions such as the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors. The Commission also actively engaged with stakeholders in the process of the initiative, notably through dedicated events, such as the citizens' panel on the new European budget⁵ and a dedicated open public consultation⁶. This reflects the Commission's commitment to a transparent and open process.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0572>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:0d5ded06-639d-11f0-bf4e-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_1&format=PDF.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=COM:2025:574:FIN>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2008:115:FULL>.

⁵ https://citizens.ec.europa.eu/european-citizens-panels/european-citizens-panel-new-european-budget_en.

⁶ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14525-EU-s-next-long-term-budget-MFF-EU-funding-for-the-single-market-and-cooperation-between-national-authorities/public-consultation_en.