

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003055/25
to the Commission
Christian Ehler (PPE)
(23 July 2025)**

Subject: Governance of the European Competitiveness Fund

On 16 July 2025 the Commission presented its proposal for a new multiannual financial framework (2028-2034). This includes a revolutionary proposal for a European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) that would give the Commission unseen levels of flexibility in spending the planned amount of EUR 234 billion. The Commission also proposes a highly complex and non-transparent governance mechanism.

1. Would Directorate-General for Budget take the lead within the Commission on the implementation of the ECF and, if not, which Directorate-General (DG) would do so?
2. How would other DGs be involved in the process of creating the work programmes?
3. What timeline does the Commission envision for the creation of the draft work programmes?

Submitted: 23.7.2025

**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(11 September 2025)**

The European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) ⁽¹⁾ seeks to establish an investment capacity to bolster European competitiveness in technologies and strategic sectors critical to the EU competitiveness. Efficient processes, input from relevant stakeholders, and a solid governance structure will be key to its success.

The Commission will ensure effective management and accountability of the ECF, vis-à-vis the budgetary authority, making use of its prerogatives as regards its internal working methods and procedures.

In particular, the leadership of the ECF and the participation of the various Directorates-General equipped with the relevant expertise will be confirmed by the Commission in due course and in time to ensure a smooth operational transition towards the new set-up.

The operational timing of the drafting of the work programmes is to be set. The final texts adopted by the co-legislators as part of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) package will certainly be a key determining factor.

At this stage, the Commission can confirm the ambition to prepare work programmes in a timeframe allowing an adequate transition to the next MFF period, including in terms of visibility for potential beneficiaries and key stakeholders.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0555>.