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**Question for written answer E-001221/26
to the Commission
Jean-Paul Garraud (PfE)
(24 March 2026)**

Subject: Will new revenue really be enough to repay Europe's debt?

In 2028, the EU has to start repaying the joint debt incurred under the NextGenerationEU plan. Repayment is to continue until 2058.

Several of the new resources proposed by the Commission, however, depend on uncertain factors, such as the price of carbon, the economic climate or future changes to certain EU rules.

1. Can the Commission state the annual revenue it expects from each of the new resources between 2028 and 2034?
2. What contingency plans has it put in place in case revenue is lower than expected or there is a sustained increase in interest rates? What portion of the EU's debt repayment would then actually be covered by the new revenue?

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**Answer given by Mr Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission proposed five new own resources and adjustments to the current own resources. This package is expected to generate EUR 65.6 billion (current prices) per year in average over the period 2028-2034 ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission presented the breakdown per own resource in the staff working document ⁽²⁾ accompanying the communication 'A dynamic EU budget for the priorities of the future: the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 ⁽³⁾' as well as in the factsheet on 'New own resources ⁽⁴⁾'.

In application of the principle of universality, the total revenue shall cover the total expenditure, thus there is no earmarking of the revenue generated by the own resources.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/system-own-resources_en, COM (2025)574.

⁽²⁾ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025SC0570R\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025SC0570R(01)), SWD (2025)570.

⁽³⁾ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0570R\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0570R(01)), COM (2025) 570.

⁽⁴⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en#factsheets.