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The Commission's proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034 steers funding to EU political priorities, delivering results that national budgets cannot achieve alone. Moreover, the EU must adopt a modern and diversified revenue stream, funding its priorities while limiting national contributions to the EU budget. Compared to 2027, average annual national contributions over 2028-2034 at the EU level (in 2025 prices) are expected to remain stable due to the proposed new own resources package (NOR)¹.

The Commission cannot prejudge the timeline of enlargement, which is merit-based and depends on each candidate's progress. The proposed MFF ensures the EU is ready for future geopolitical challenges and enlargement. This includes reinforced external action funding through Global Europe² and unwavering support for Ukraine. In the event of EU accessions, the MFF shall be revised in accordance with the relevant Accession Treaties to reflect the related expenditure needs.

Repayment of the liabilities related to the financing of NextGenerationEU (NGEU) non-repayable support will start in 2028. The Own Resources Decision³ requires that it is fully repaid by 2058. The Commission proposed a fixed annual amount of EUR 24 billion in current prices for the debt service of NGEU affecting the EU budget, between 2028-2034, including both the interest and the principal. Future refinancing costs will set the exact split between interest and principal repayment. This approach ensures predictability for budgetary planning and for Member States' contributions to the EU budget.

As foreseen in the 2020 Interinstitutional Agreement⁴, NOR aim to repay the NGEU borrowing without placing undue burden on Member States' national contributions.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en.

² https://commission.europa.eu/publications/global-europe_en.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020D2053>.

⁴ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32020Q1222\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32020Q1222(01)).