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The Commission communication¹ sets out the gross budgetary impact of Montenegro's prospective accession. The net cost will depend on Montenegro's future contribution to the EU budget, to be set once EU acquis' Chapter 33 (Financial and Budgetary Provisions)² negotiations close. To partially offset the additional expenditure, the Commission proposes to transfer Montenegro's allocation under the proposed Europe Pillar of the Global Europe instrument³, between budget headings, within its proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028–2034⁴.

The package ensures that Member States are not negatively impacted, so the additional expenditure is not intended to be met by reducing the funding foreseen for the EU-27. The introduction of new own resources would strengthen the sustainability of revenues needed to support key EU priorities, all without adding undue burden onto Member States contributions. These priorities include not only the funding of a larger EU but also other key priorities such as security and competitiveness.

The Commission is preparing pre-enlargement policy reviews to ensure the EU is politically, institutionally and financially prepared for a larger membership, taking into account that the Treaties already offer possibilities to adapt its governance to an enlarged EU.

Definitive figures cannot be provided at this stage, pending the outcome of negotiations on the next MFF and the Own Resources Decision⁵.

¹ COM(2026)334: https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/communication-commission-council-financial-package-accession-negotiations-montenegro_en.

² Chapters of the acquis: https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/enlargement-policy/conditions-membership/chapters-acquis_en.

³ COM(2025)551: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0551>.

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

⁵ COM(2025)574: https://commission.europa.eu/publications/system-own-resources_en.