



European Commission

2018 EU Budget

jobs, investments, migration challenge and security

jobs, growth & investment
€77.5 bn

security migration & citizenship
€4.1 bn

a reflection of the political priorities of the Juncker Commission

The EU budget helps turn political priorities into a reality. The adopted 2018 EU budget confirms that the EU is directing money to where the needs are. In 2018, and in line with the European Commission proposal from May 2017 the biggest part of the EU budget will go to stimulate the creation of jobs, especially for young people, and to boost growth, strategic investments and convergence. The EU will also continue supporting the efforts to effectively deal with the migration challenge, both inside and outside the EU.

The 2018 EU budget is set at €160.1 billion in commitments (money that can be agreed in contracts in a given year) and €144.7 billion in payment appropriations (money that will be paid out). Some key features include:

Support to **farmers, fisheries, climate and biodiversity** amounts to **€59 billion**.

Nearly half of the funds - **€77.5 billion** in commitments - will go to making our economy stronger, our universities more competitive, our companies better equipped to compete in the global market place.

For instance, **€2 billion** will go to the **European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)**, the core of the Juncker Plan

€354 million will support **small and medium-sized companies** (Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, COSME programme)

€11.2 billion will go to **Horizon 2020**, the **research and innovation** funding programme

A total of **€55.5 billion** will go to boosting growth, job creation and convergence in all Member States and regions via the **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds)**

Young people will get more support and better opportunities to find jobs thanks to **€350 million** for the **Youth Employment Initiative**, which seeks to address the challenge of youth unemployment while strengthening solidarity in our Member States.

Further to the launch of the **European Defence Fund**, **€40 million** are budgeted to fund collaborative research in innovative defence technologies and products.

With **€25 million** already allocated in 2017, the total EU budget devoted to defence research until 2019 amounts to €90 million.

Nearly **€4.1 billion** will be dedicated to **managing migration and tackling security challenges**.

With the bulk of funding already frontloaded, the total for these policy areas will amount to **€22 billion** in the 2015-2018 period.

TOTAL
€160.1 billion

This is a budget for all. It will go to create more jobs, more growth, more investments. It will help young people find jobs and internships. It will help make Europe more secure. Every euro must be spent efficiently and create added value for Europe.

Günther H. Oettinger, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

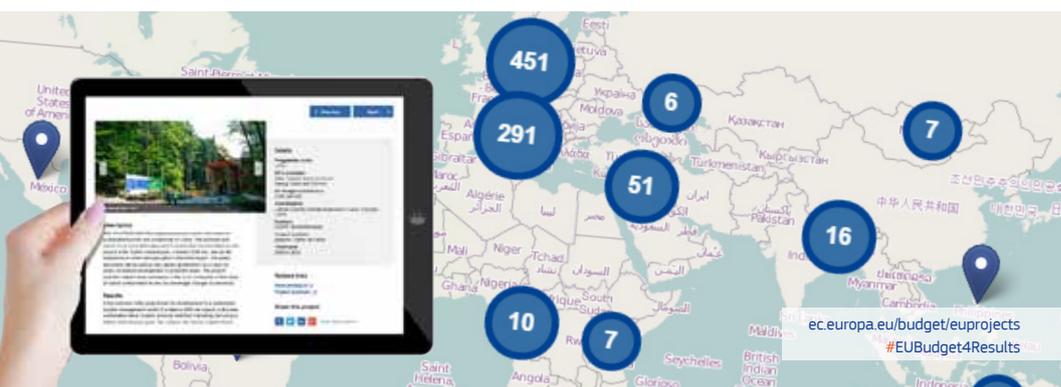


EU Budget 2018 (nominal change in % compared to 2017)

Appropriations by Heading	Commitments		Payments	
	€ million	%	€ million	%
1. Smart and inclusive growth	77 534	+2.8	66 624	+34.9
Competitiveness for growth and jobs	22 001	+3.2	20 097	+4
Economic, social and territorial cohesion	55 532	+2.7	46 527	+54.7
2. Sustainable Growth: natural resources	59 285	+1.2	56 084	+3.6
Market related expenditure and direct aids	43 235	+1.5	43 189	+1.5
3. Security and Citizenship	3 493	-18.5*	2 981	-7.6
4. Global Europe	9 569	-8.3*	8 906	-1.7
5. Administration	9 666	+2.9	9 666	+2.9
Other special Instruments**	567	-67.6	420	-73.5
Total appropriations	160 114	+0.2	144 681	+14.1

* The allocation for heading 3 and 4 in 2017 was exceptionally high in response to the migration and security crises.

** European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and European Union Solidarity Fund.



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