



European
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EU budget 2012

For 500 million Europeans

For growth and employment



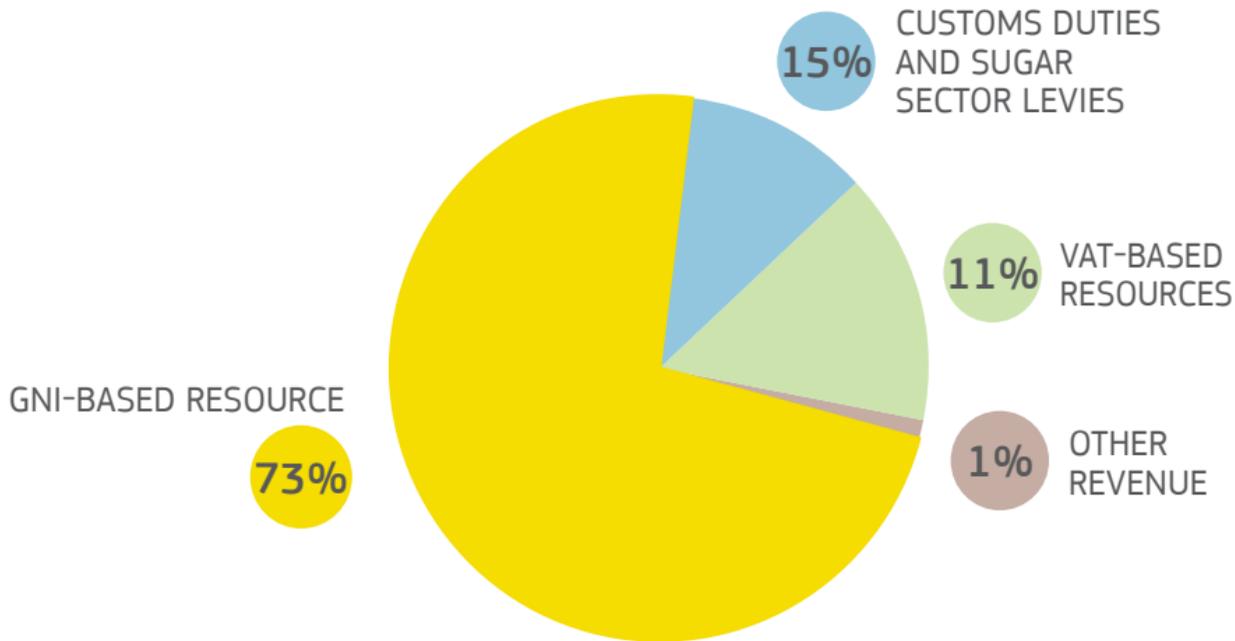
EU budget 2012 in figures

Expenditure estimates for EU policies in commitment appropriations	Budget 2012 (billion EUR)	Change from 2011 (%)
Sustainable growth	67.5	4.7
Competitiveness for growth and employment, <i>including:</i>	14.8	9.1
Seventh research framework programme	9.6	11.1
Lifelong learning and Erasmus Mundus	1.2	7.9
Trans-European Networks (TEN) projects	1.4	7.4
Competitiveness and innovation framework programme	0.6	8.0
Social policy agenda	0.2	1.6
Cohesion for growth and employment, <i>including:</i>	52.8	3.5
Structural Funds	40.9	2.6
Cohesion Fund	11.8	6.4
Preservation and management of natural resources	60.0	2.2
Market-related expenditure and direct payments, <i>including:</i>	44.0	2.6
Agriculture markets	43.6	2.6
Animal and plant health	0.3	1.8
Rural development	14.6	1.3
Fisheries	1.0	1.1
Environment and climate change	0.4	4.3
Citizenship, freedom, security and justice ⁽¹⁾	2.1	10.9
Freedom, security and justice	1.4	15.9
Citizenship, <i>including:</i>	0.7	2.1
Public health and consumer protection	0.1	3.0
The EU as a global player, <i>including</i> ⁽²⁾ :	9.4	7.4
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance	1.9	3.9
European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument	2.3	20.5
Development Cooperation Instrument	2.6	-2.9
Humanitarian aid	0.8	2.9
Democracy and human rights	0.2	5.5
Common foreign and security policy	0.4	10.9
Instrument for Stability	0.3	6.6
Administration, <i>including:</i>	8.3	1.3
European Commission	3.3	0.2
Other institutions	3.5	1.0
Total	147.2	3.5

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the European Union Solidarity Fund.

⁽²⁾ Including the Emergency Aid Reserve.

Where does the money come from?



Reflecting Europe 2020 priorities

Balancing austerity and growth-boosting measures

The EU 2012 budget ⁽¹⁾ combines rigour and ambition at the service of 500 million Europeans. Its key objective is to fully support the European economy and EU citizens in the present hard times. The amounts agreed reflect the current drive to achieve economies wherever possible. At the same time the budget has to cover the bills that are pending to finance the programmes which have started in previous years and cannot be completed without further contributions from the EU.

Most importantly, the 2012 EU budget looks to the future, reflecting the following Europe 2020 priorities:

Innovation Union	EUR 23.0 billion
Youth on the move	EUR 1.4 billion
A digital agenda for Europe	EUR 2.4 billion
A resource-efficient Europe	EUR 22.1 billion
An industrial policy for the globalisation era	EUR 1.8 billion
An agenda for new skills and jobs	EUR 9.5 billion
European platform against poverty	EUR 2.0 billion

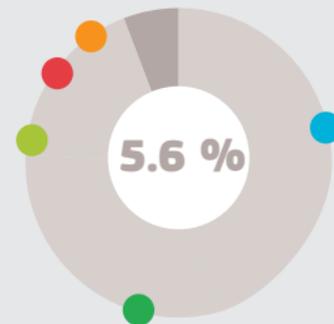
⁽¹⁾ The amounts mentioned in this publication represent expenditure estimates for EU policies in commitment appropriations.

In 2012, EUR 62.2 billion (about 42.3 % of the total budget) is linked to the Europe 2020 strategy. That represents an overall increase of 4.5 % compared with 2011. This increase was made possible by keeping some administrative expenses down, redefining priorities and mainstreaming the key activities.



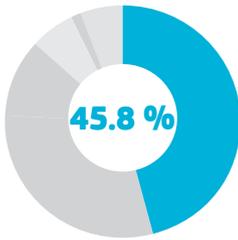
Did you know that Europe 2020 is the EU's comprehensive plan to respond to the crisis and speed up Europe's economic growth?

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020>



In 2012, 5.6 % of the EU budget is planned to cover the functioning of all the EU institutions, compared to 5.7 % in 2011. Seven years ago, the European Commission undertook a major reform of its administration which has already saved the EU taxpayers EUR 3 billion. For several years the Commission has maintained the policy of 0 % staff growth.

The rest of the 2012 budget, which amounts to 94.4 %, will be directed to Union programmes and operations in favour of Europe's regions and towns, business, scientists, citizens and the EU's actions in the world.



Sustainable growth

Competitiveness

STREAMLINING SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



Did you know that the two strands of sustainable growth — competitiveness and cohesion — represent 45.8 % of the 2012 budget, compared to 45.5 % in 2011?



This strand covers the most innovative Union programmes and actions. As an example, in 2012 the contribution to the competitiveness and innovation framework programme (CIP) represents **EUR 614.4 million**. This budget is intended to support projects and activities on entrepreneurship, innovation, information and communication technologies and many others.

In the areas of biotechnology and healthcare research and related activities, the EU allocated **EUR 939.5 million** to improve research at EU and international levels in the field of drug development process and the fight against major diseases.

Cohesion

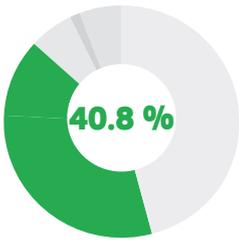
HELPING EUROPEANS TO FIND NEW JOBS

What does the European Union do for you? It makes labour markets function better, empowers people to acquire the right skills for employment, helps to create jobs, and improves job quality and working conditions.

EUR 153 million is available for labour market measures to improve access to employment and increase participation and progress of women.

In 2012, **EUR 120 million** is available to help Europeans acquire new job skills through the development of lifelong learning systems and strategies in firms, and training services for employees.





Natural resources

A BUDGET FOR COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE EU AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is, in budgetary terms, the second most important Union policy, and the only fully integrated policy at Union level. It plays an important role in providing a viable food supply and in the management of natural resources, and contributes to preserving biodiversity, landscapes, clean water, soil and air.

EUR 40.5 billion is available in 2012 for direct aids as income support for farmers, 91.8 % of which is not linked to the level of production.

EUR 14.6 billion is available through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development to improve the quality of life and to encourage diversification of activities by creating new jobs and contributing to an adequate level of services for the rural economy. This includes **EUR 4.9 billion** (+ 1.2 %) in 2012 for activities such as training, modernisation projects on farms, enterprise projects and participation of farms in 'quality schemes'.



Did you know that in 2012 Europe celebrates the 50th anniversary of the common agricultural policy (CAP)?

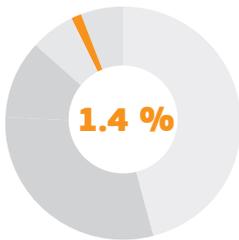
More: <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/agriculture/>



A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT MEANS HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPEANS

Today, four out of five Europeans live in towns and cities. Urban areas concentrate most of the environmental challenges facing our society but also bring together commitment and innovation to resolve them.

The 'Green cars' initiative encourages the rapid development of technologies supporting sustainable hybrid and electric cars. The budget for this initiative is **EUR 20 million** in 2012.



Citizenship, freedom, security and justice

A more open and secure Europe requires funding when facing common challenges. Part of EU funding is thus dedicated to supporting a number of national programmes and actions focusing on return management and measures to address the specific situation of vulnerable returnees.

! Did you know that the the EU provides a total budget of EUR 1.4 billion to support actions and programmes in the fields of fundamental rights, justice, security, safeguarding liberties, solidarity and management of migration flows?

With a budget of EUR 28.2 million in 2012, the 'Europe for citizens' programme encourages civil society and other organisations to develop projects of European interest, town-twinning and activities directly involving citizens.



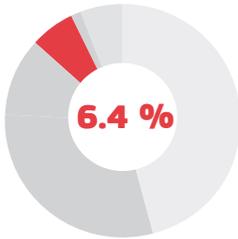
The year 2012 is the European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations — a chance for all of us to reflect on how Europeans are living longer and staying healthier than ever before.



European Year for **Active Ageing**
and **Solidarity between Generations 2012**



With a budget of EUR 2.7 million, the European Union and the member countries will implement a number of activities to promote active ageing in the areas of employment strategy, adult education, public health and the information society. More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/ey2012.jsp>



The EU as a global player

The EU continues to strengthen its role in the world through a number of policy-driven instruments. In 2012, these instruments represent 6.4 % of the EU budget, against 6.2 % in 2011.

Through its European External Action Service (EEAS) and its delegations around the world, supported by the services of the European Commission, the EU focuses on tackling the challenges facing Europe as well as the rest of the world: climate change, terrorism,



drugs and energy security. The EEAS also contributes to preventing, managing and resolving conflict and building peace in the world.

To contribute to maintaining an area of peace, stability and prosperity, the EU is committed to spending **EUR 2.3 billion** on financial assistance through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). In 2012, the ENPI notably contributes to supporting the countries in the Mediterranean region which were at the heart of the 'Arab spring' in their transition to democracy.



Did you know that, with a budget of EUR 2.6 billion in 2012, the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) contributes to eradicating poverty throughout the world, promoting democracy and respect for human rights? More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>

Investing today for tomorrow: Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020

The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) translates into financial terms the Union's political priorities for 2014–2020. It provides the general framework which must be respected in future annual budgets. The Commission proposals tabled on 29 June 2011 will be discussed by the Member States and the European Parliament in 2012. This multiannual budget plan will be closely linked to the Europe 2020 strategy and will seek to contribute to the renewal of a highly competitive social market economy in Europe through an innovative budget.

Connecting Europe



The Connecting Europe Facility is a project for the period 2014–2020 which focuses on energy, transport and digital networks, cross-border multi-country investments to the benefits of the internal market and coordination with cohesion policy.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/reform/>



EU budget in your country: an example

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High-speed underwater cable

A new direct international telecommunications connection to North America has been built under a joint UK-Ireland project. The cable provides a direct communications link from 13 locations in the region.

More information:

<http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-telecoms-index/deti-telecoms-direct-international-connectivity.htm>



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