Topical Digest

How the EU Budget is spent

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The **How the EU budget is spent** series from the European Parliamentary Research Service looks at the expenditure side of the EU budget across EU policy areas under the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework. Each briefing covers the EU’s role in the policy area, objectives, budgetary figures, actions funded and assessment of results.

**Heading 1 - Smart and Inclusive Growth**

**a. Competitiveness for growth and jobs**

- Galileo and EGNOS
- Copernicus – The EU’s Earth observation and monitoring programme
- European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)
- Horizon 2020
- Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
- Erasmus+
- Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EaSI)
- Customs 2020 and Fiscalis 2020
- Fight against fraud: Pericles 2020, Hercule III and AFIS
- Connecting Europe Facility
- ITER
- Nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes
- Euratom Research and Training programme

**b. Economic, social and territorial cohesion**

- The ESI Funds
- European Social Fund
- European Regional Development Fund
- Cohesion fund
- Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)
- Youth Employment Initiative

**Heading 2 - Sustainable Growth: Natural Resources**

- Common Agricultural Policy (pillar I)
- Rural Development (CAP pillar II)
- The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
- LIFE programme

**Heading 3 - Security and Citizenship**

- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Internal Security Fund
- Justice Programme
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship
- Civil Protection Mechanism
- Food and feed
Health Programme
Consumer Programme
Creative Europe
Europe for Citizens

**Heading 4 - Global Europe**

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)
European Neighbourhood Instrument
Development Cooperation Instrument
Partnership Instrument (PI)
European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
Instrument contributing to stability and peace
Humanitarian aid
EU Aid Volunteers
European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD)
Turkish Cypriot community: Financial support instrument
Common Foreign and Security Policy
Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)
Guarantee Fund for External Actions
EU Cooperation with Greenland
Macro-financial assistance

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